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JAPANESE TACTICS: BRITON CRITICISED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, To-day.

YESTERDAY I PERSONALLY saw a list of 269 Jewish refugees who have voting rights and who, I understand, have given Japanese canvassers assurances that they will vote for Japanese candidates in the coming elections.

In exchange they will obtain landing permits for relatives in Germany and Austria who are unable to leave for Shanghai without permits, which ordinarily are granted by the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Out of a total of 10,000 Jews, only about 390 occupy taxable premises, and of these only 290 are entitled to vote at the coming elections.

Most of them are poor and unable to afford depositing the required cash guarantee to obtain landing permits, and Japanese canvassers are said to have secured their support on promises to issue permits.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ranald G. McDonald, who was unsuccessful last week in the British straw vote for the five British candidates, is not expected to receive many votes in the actual election.

His decision to run independently for election is considered a spoke in the wheel of the British plans.

A MONKEY-WRENCH

Commenting on his decision, the "North China Daily News" in an editorial states: "Mr. McDonald considers himself justified in endeavouring at this juncture to throw a monkey-wrench into the electoral machinery."

"It is as well that he should know that there are not many who agree with him because it is apparent that this attempt to bring about a split in the British vote at the present time is a direct blow against British interests."

"QUITE OBVIOUS"

"It is quite obvious that a man taking such an injudicious action in the light of prevailing circumstances is not one to whom the representation of British, or for that matter any other interests on the Municipal Council, should be granted."

Meanwhile, the British and American election committees met yesterday to discuss further action, and while the Americans have not made plans, the British have decided not to make changes in existing plans notwithstanding Mr. McDonald's nomination. — Our Own Correspondent.

Story Confirmed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese canvassers for the forthcoming Municipal elections are trying to secure the votes of many German refugees living in the Hongkew district.

"Vote for the Japanese candidates and we will give permission to your relatives to enter Shanghai," they declare.

WEATHER FORECAST: — Moderate northerly winds; fair.

ALTMARK CASE SETTLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that Norwegian official circles have intimated to London that they are satisfied with the British answer to their Note on the Altmork.

The answer was transmitted to Oslo a few days before Easter. — Havas.

WEYGAND MEETS WAR CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

GENERAL MAXIME WEYGAND, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FRENCH NEAR EASTERN FORCES, AT PRESENT IN PARIS, WAS INVITED TO THE MEETING OF THE WAR CABINET YESTERDAY WHICH LASTED TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

Apart from the nine members of which the war Cabinet is constituted, General Gamelin, Admiral Darlan and General Vuillemin, the army, navy and air force chiefs respectively, also attended. — Havas.

MYSTERY CONFERENCE CALLED BY SPAAK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Foreshadowing an important decision in Belgian policy, the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, has summoned a conference for to-morrow (Friday) of Belgian diplomatic representatives in the principal capitals, notably the Vatican, Rome, London, Paris, Berlin and The Hague.

No indication of the questions to be discussed is given. — Havas.

STUDENT ABDUCTED IN BRITISH CONCESSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

The first case of kidnapping in the British Concession for nearly a year took place yesterday afternoon when Chang Hai-hua, a 22-year-old French School student, was abducted by motorcar.

The police are puzzled as Chang's family are not wealthy and he had not engaged in political activities. — Havas.

JAPAN NOT SELF DELUDED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"Japan understands perfectly that the inauguration of the Wang Ching-wei government does not mean the end of the China war," writes Genevieve Tabouis in "l'Oeuvre."

"Whatever joy may have been caused in Tokyo by Italy's friendly attitude to Wang has been spoiled by reports from Washington of American determination to continue to support General Chiang Kai-shek."

"According to reliable information, the difficulties are increasing between Wang and the Japanese Government."

"Wang wants the Japanese to pacify the conquered regions in China for his benefit, while the Japanese Government is trying to limit Wang's power to the big cities and keep control over the rest of the country." — Havas.

WAR REVENUE BILL REPORT

A special meeting of the Legislative Council has been called for to-morrow afternoon when the Attorney-General will present the Report of the members of the Standing Law Committee on the War Revenue Bill, 1940.



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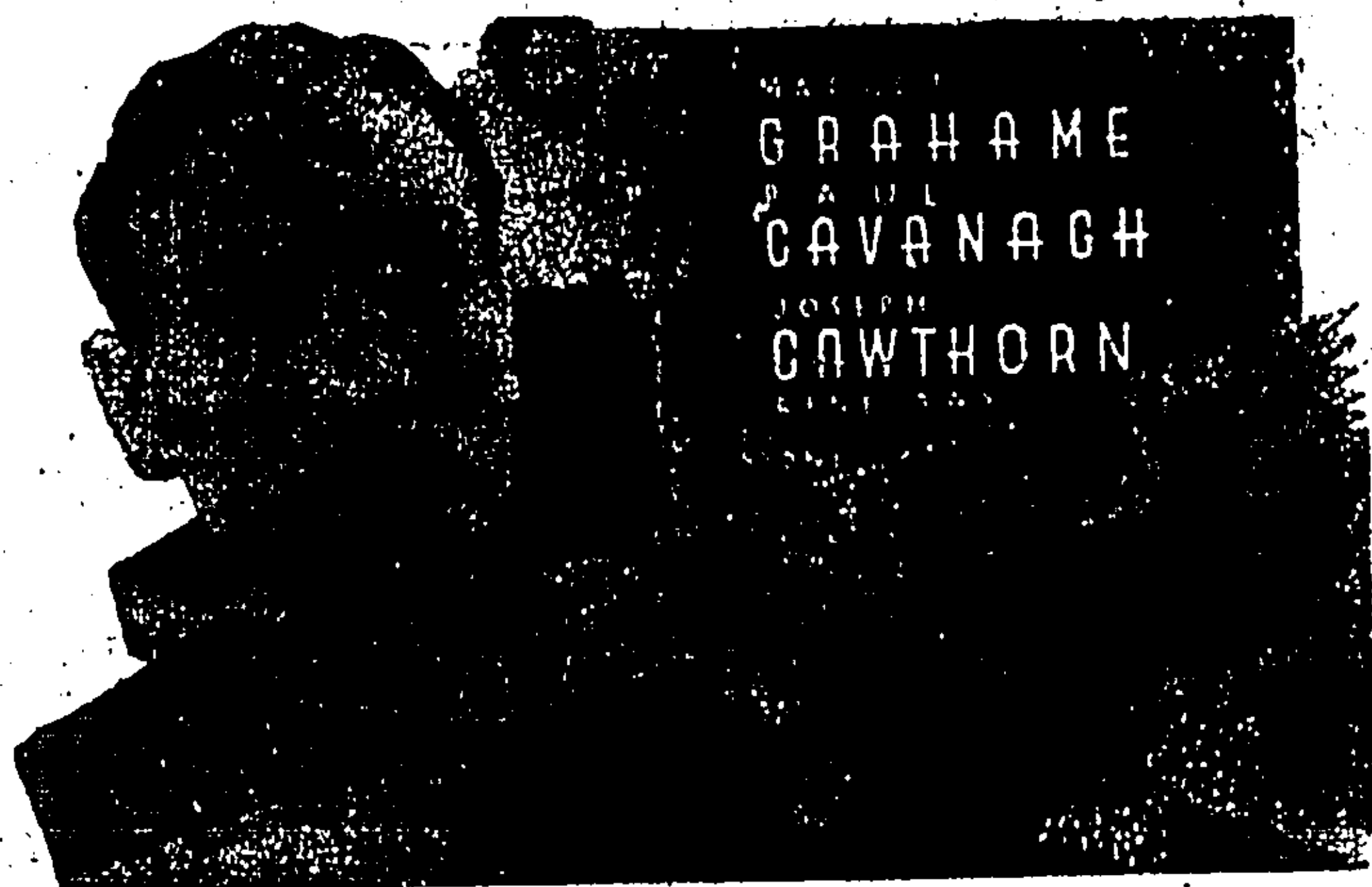
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INTENSIFICATION OF BLOCKADE: BRITISH OPINIONS

London, To-day.

THE GENERAL LINE OF Home Press comment yesterday on Mr. Chamberlain's speech is that although the intensification of the blockade which he forecast may damage the neutrals, in the long run they will benefit from any measure taken to shorten the war.

"The Times" says that "we are dealing with a criminal nation and if in the heat of the battle some blows fall on the neutrals they must bear their injuries as patiently as they can."

"It is their battle as much as ours, and it is not unreasonable for us to ask neutrals to apply a benevolent and not a strict interpretation of the laws of neutrality."

The "Manchester Guardian" says that Germany's criminal attacks on neutrals justifies reprisals under international law. It means hardship for the neutrals if the blockade is intensified, but the thing the neutrals will feel most and mention the least is the feeling that if they fulfil the British demands it may involve them with Germany.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the neutrals may benefit from trade with the Allies, but the resources of the Anglo-French Empires can only be permitted to them if they limit their trade with Germany. Economic strategy of this kind brings no peril to any neutral state. All know their only hope of survival as nations is in the overthrow of the Nazi Reich.

CAGED BEAST

The "Yorkshire Post" comments that our policy is to treat Nazi Germany as a caged beast, to be deprived progressively of the nourishment necessary for fighting strength. Germany cannot break from the cage

without facing grave dangers.

A similar point is made by the "Glasgow Herald," which, however, goes on to say that we should not wait to see what Hitler is going to do, but that there should be other action against Germany as well.

The "Daily Express" insists we must seek other means as well of bringing the war to a close. We must adopt sterner methods and harsher measures.

ACTION—ACTION!

The "Daily Herald," while supporting Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the whole, does not like being told to "wait and see."

The "Daily Mail" asks that concerted action be taken with Britain's "three-pronged weapon"—the Navy, the resources of the Empire, and monetary wealth.

The "News Chronicle" also calls for action. The best way of keeping up our spirits is to show by deeds that the Allies really mean to give teeth to the blockade.—Reuter.

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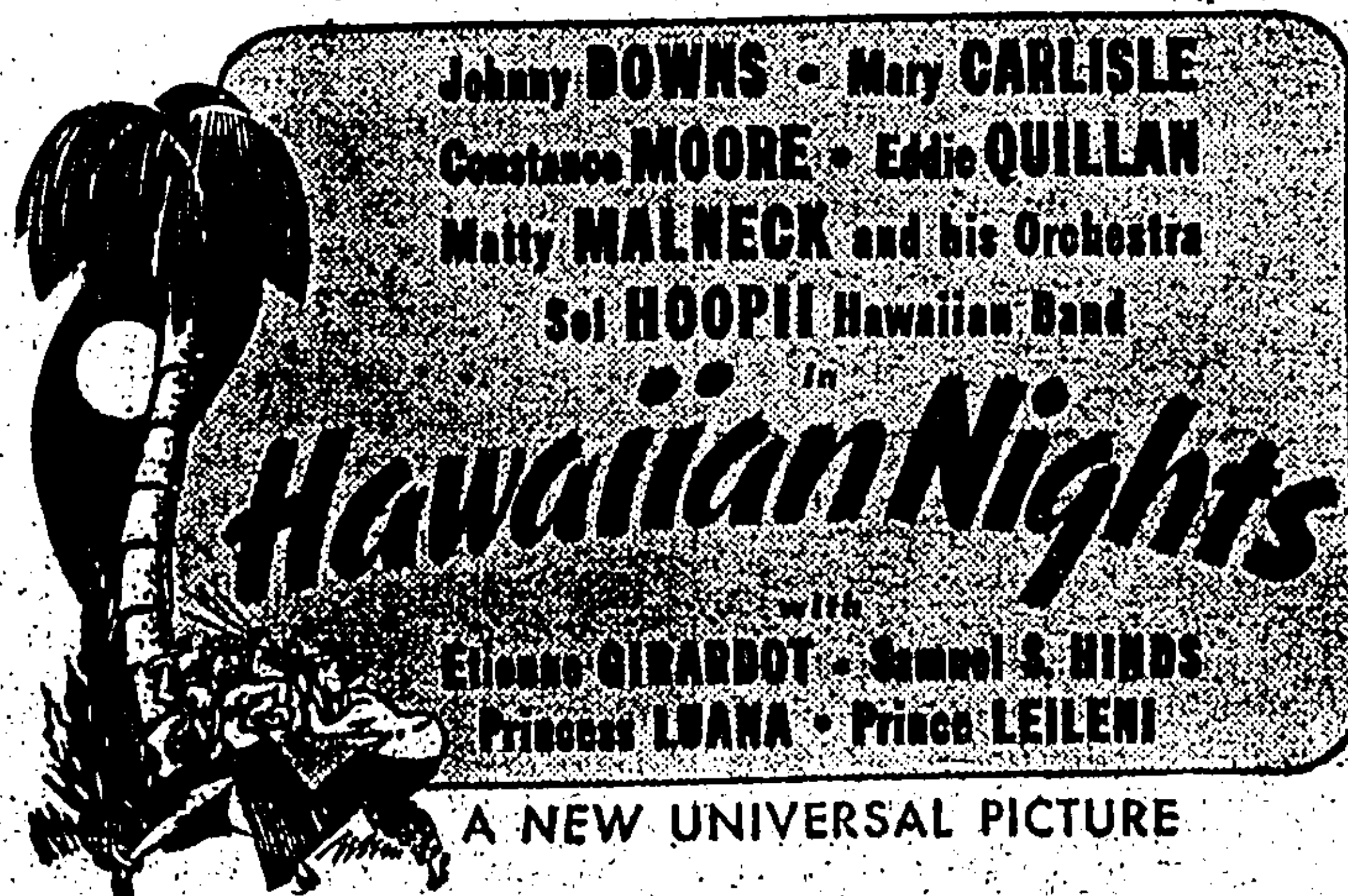
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CHINA NOTE ON WANG HANDED TO THE LEAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

DR. VICTOR HOO, CHINA'S representative at the League of Nations, yesterday handed M. Joseph Avenol, the Secretary-General, the text of the Chinese Note to foreign powers in connexion with the formation of the Wang Ching-wei regime in Nanking.

The Note reads: "Since they invaded China the Japanese have used all possible means to establish, through the conquest of China, their hegemony in Asia and the Pacific area."

CHINESE AIR ATTACK ON DEPOTS

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese warplanes launched the first air offensive in many months on the Japanese at Yuncheng, south Shansi, and Yoyang, north Hunan yesterday, inflicting severe losses.

The Japanese airfield at Yuncheng, where about 30 enemy planes were grounded, was heavily attacked. Many direct hits were scored.

As the Chinese machines circled over the town, anti-aircraft guns directed desultory and ineffective fire at them.

All Chinese planes returned to their base safely.

Simultaneously with the bombing at Yuncheng, other Chinese planes attacked Yoyang, the concentration point of Japanese war supplies in north Hunan. High explosives were dumped on petrol, cases of ammunition around the Yoyang Tower, and on the supply depots in the southern outskirts.

Huge fires were started and detonations were heard for miles around.

—Central News.

SUPPORT FOR CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Telegrams are arriving from all parts of China condemning Wang Ching-wei and pledging support for Chungking.

Among others a telegram from General Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan province, declares: "By becoming a tool in the enemy's hands and usurping the name of the Kuomintang to form his new puppet regime, Wang is a traitor to his country."

General Lung Yun expressed loyalty to the National Government and support of the policy of resistance.

—Havas.

"After nearly three years of fierce struggle the Japanese, despairing of success, have established an organisation in Nanking pretending to be the national government of the Chinese Republic."

"It is in reality only a puppet organisation created and directed by the Japanese army to violate Chinese rights."

"The Japanese also hope to use this organisation to upset International law, violate the Nine-Power Treaty and eliminate all foreign trade interests in China."

RIGHT OVER MIGHT

"The Chinese Government insists that acts of this illegal organisation in Nanking or any other puppet organisation which may exist in other parts of China must be considered null and void and will not be recognised by the Chinese Government or people."

"The Chinese Government is confident that all nations possessed of feelings of self-respect will remain faithful to right and justice in the conduct of international affairs and will not recognise, de jure or de facto, the puppet organisation."

"The Chinese are determined to continue fighting until the Japanese troops are driven out and right triumphs over might."—Havas.

MOTORING OFFENCES IN BLACK-OUT

In connection with the Blackout Exercise on March 5, several motorists were summoned at Kowloon this morning for not properly shading their headlights.

Mr. Charles G. Seidluna, of Shouson Hill Road, was fined \$80 for driving in Nathan Road at 7.30 p.m. He said he thought it was not exercise time yet.

Mr. Macfadyen said there was no excuse because the press had given ample publicity before the Blackout.

Mr. Macfadyen imposed fines of \$25 each on a lorry driver and a motorcyclist for a similar offence.

Before Mr. E. Hilmsworth, three lorry drivers were fined \$10 for a similar offence in the Mongkok district.

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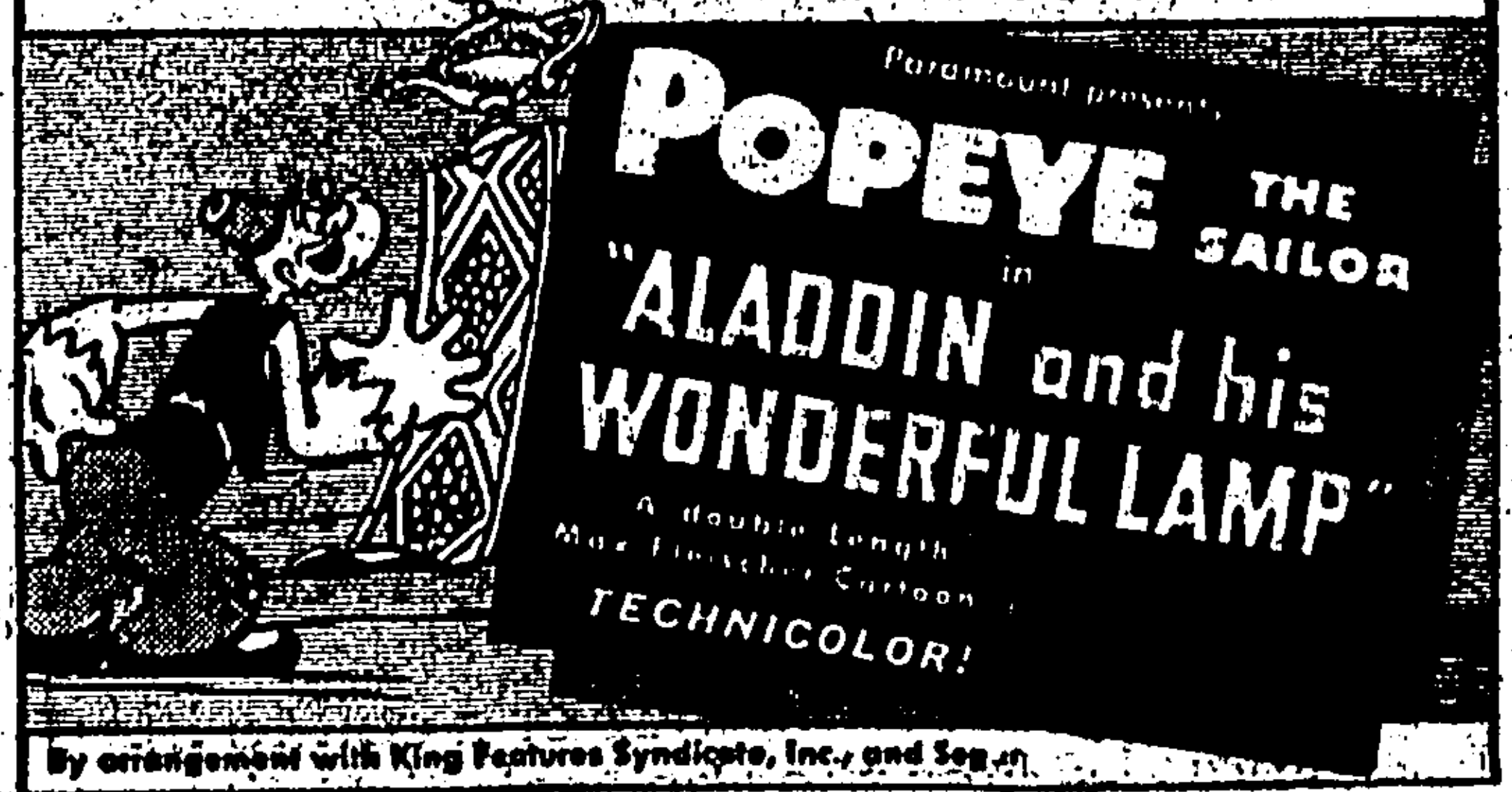
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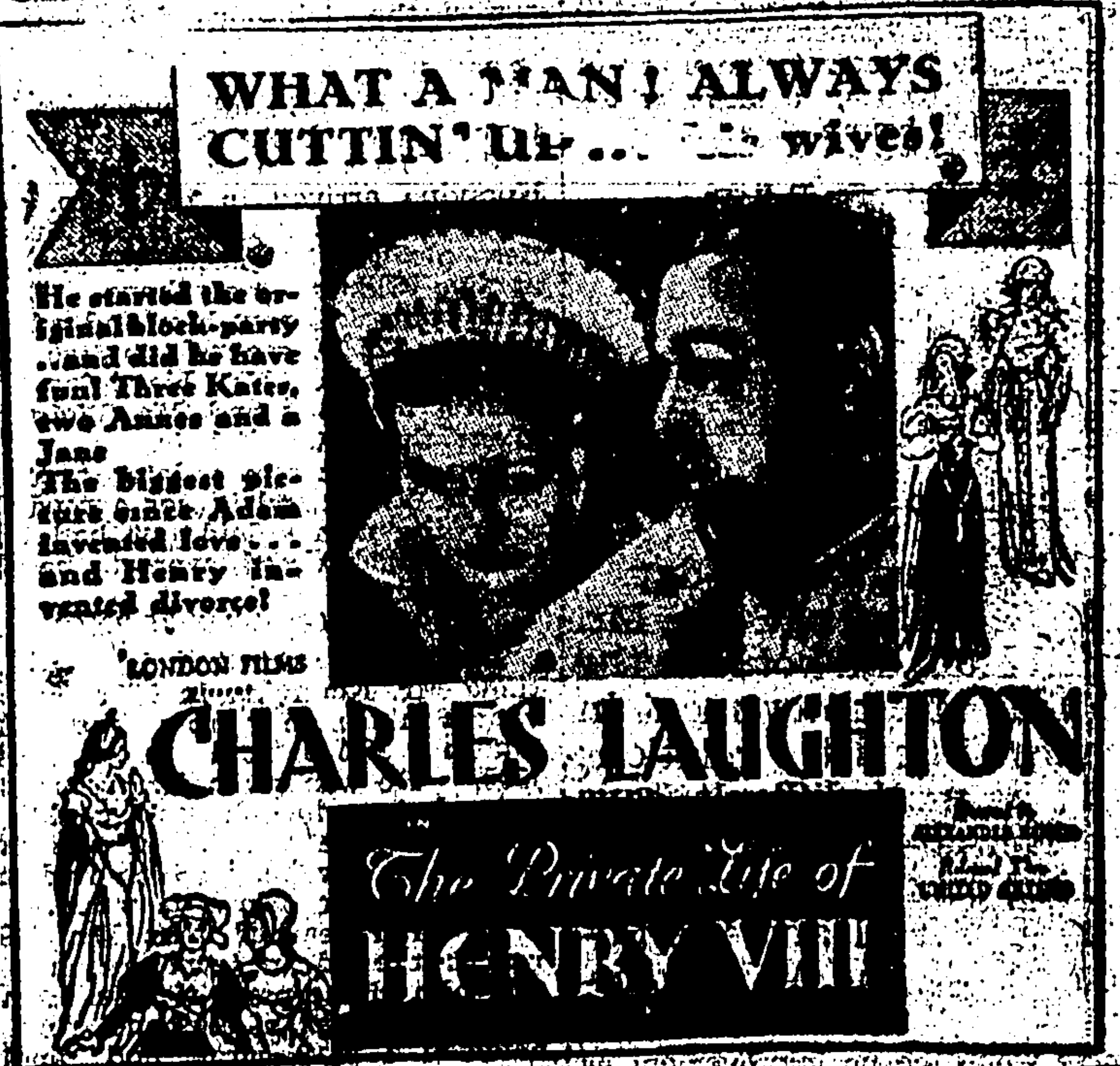


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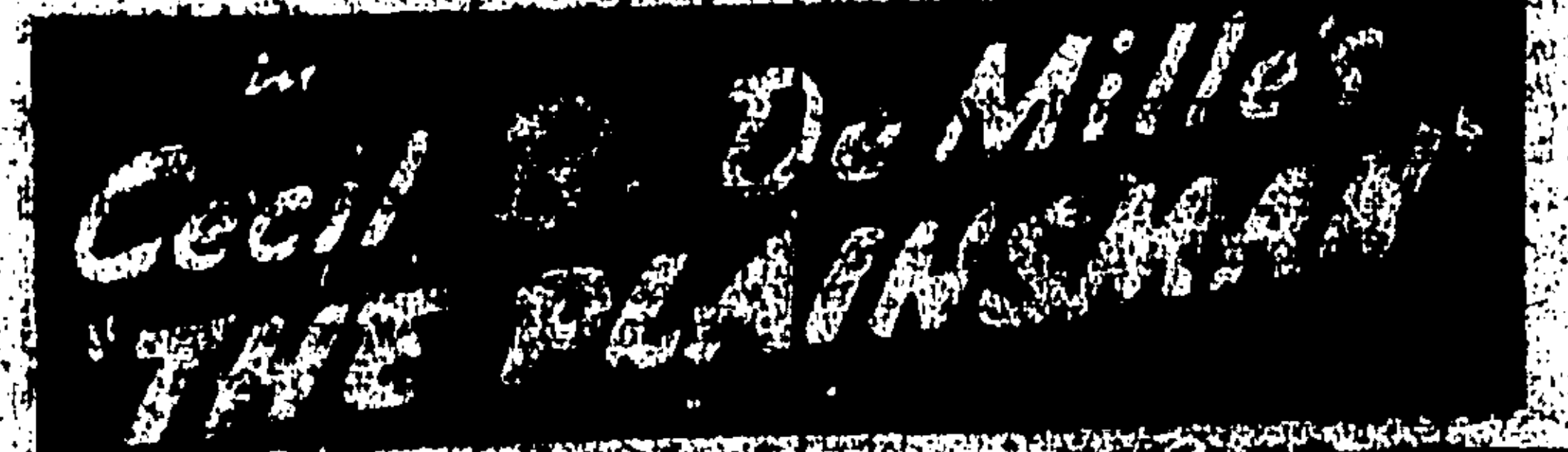
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M. REYNAUD COMPARES POSITION OF ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

AN ARTICLE BY M. PAUL Reynaud, the new French Premier, appears in yesterday's "News Chronicle," in which he compares the situation between the Allies and Germany to-day with the position in 1915.

While avoiding over-confidence or a call to inaction, M. Reynaud states that he feels that the present position is immeasurably more favourable to the Allies than it was in 1915.

Then, three-quarters of Poland was occupied, Turkey and Bulgaria were on the side of the Central Powers and Rumania was a benevolent neutral.

From Hamburg to Baghdad, the Central Powers had undisputed control, controlling the resources of what is now Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Palestine and the Kingdom of Arabia.

To the east, Russia had been eliminated as an attacking force and to the west eleven departments of France were in enemy hands; these departments contained the greater part of her metallurgical and textile industries, 80 per cent of her coal, and all her other mineral resources.

IMMEASURABLY BETTER

The first British Expeditionary Force had been decimated and 460,000 Frenchmen had died. The blockade by Britain was feeble in 1915 compared with what it is to-day, for the British Navy was then only slightly superior to the German Navy.

M. Reynaud believes that he has every reason to feel that the present Allied position is immeasurably better, and the central factor is the unity of Britain and France, a unity which was impossible before.—Havas.

AMERICA'S POSITION MADE CLEAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, did not hide the fact that an improvement in American-Soviet relations would be most difficult, says the "Herald-Tribune," commenting on the meeting between Mr. Hull and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky.

There would be no improvement as long as Soviet Russia remained a virtual threat to her weaker neighbours and continued to buy war material on the international market for transport to Germany.

M. Oumansky's approach to Mr. Hull, says the paper, was made with the object of discussing the possibility of improving diplomatic and trade relations.—Havas.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The first American volunteers arrived in Paris yesterday morning and are now housed in their home quarters. They are 17 young men for the American Field Ambulance Service.—Havas.

CANADA'S NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

London, To-day.

It is officially announced from Buckingham Palace that the King has approved the appointment of the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General of Canada in succession to the late Lord Tweedsmuir.

The Earl of Athlone was Governor-General of South Africa from 1923 to 1931.—Reuter.

LITVINOFF ILL

Stockholm, To-day.

Maxim Litvinov, former Soviet Foreign Commissar, is very seriously ill, according to a Moscow report.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BID TO DOMINATE SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Considered as an indication of the Japanese determination to grasp control over Settlement affairs is the warning given recently by the semi-official Japanese Army paper, Tairiku Shimpo.

The paper asserts that unless demands for greater representation were ceded, a possible move to gain control of the Settlement by force may eventuate.

Should the "reasonable" demands be "unfairly ignored and the monopolisation" of the Settlement by the British be continued, the Japanese may have to drive their "efforts and reorganise" the Settlement by means of lawful measures.

The Settlement will "again be thrown into confusion," and the party intending to check the Japanese advance, should be prepared to accept the responsibility for the consequence, the paper grimly warned.—Havas.

British And Americans To Fight Back

Shanghai, To-day.

Japan's bid to gain control of the International Settlement by nominating more than their accepted quota of members of the Shanghai Municipal Council is to be vigorously fought by the British and American communities.

The British and American election committees, to-day, decided to rally voters round a platform asking for the maintenance of the existing "ration" of Councillors—five British, two American and two Japanese.—Reuter.

LEGAL ACTION OVER JEWEL TRANSACTION: BIG COUNTERCLAIM

AT THE SUPREME COURT this morning, Denis Victor, of the Lido Dancing Academy, claimed from Karel Weiss the return of a diamond ring weighing 2.25 carats and set in white gold; or its value, \$1,350; obtained by defendant for sale on commission on October 23, 1938.

The case was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by F. X. d'Almada, was for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. MacCallum.

Mr. Macnamara said the parties agreed the claim but defendant was counter-claiming for the sum of \$2,850 being the amount owing to him by the original owner of the jewels, now absent from the Colony.

Mr. Macnamara said that a Mr. Korsvina arrived in the Colony in 1938, and, owing to financial difficulties, pledged 18 pieces of jewellery at two Chinese pawnshops. Defendant came to know him and advanced him \$2,500, secured on two promissory notes. Mr. Korsvina was unable to repay and Mr. Weiss was given the pawn tickets.

The jewellery was later redeemed by Mr. Victor and it was agreed that after the money laid out had been repaid, the proceeds were to be shared equally.

MR. WEISS' EVIDENCE

Mr. Weiss said that he came to know Mr. Korsvina in 1938 and advanced him money from time to time totalling \$2,500 and later another \$300. He was given two promissory notes but as the amounts could not be repaid, he was given the pawn tickets of jewellery which had been pledged at far below its value.

He later learned that Mr. Victor was interested in jewellery and he told him of the pawn tickets. Among the jewels was a diamond ring of between 7 to 8 carats and another about 2½ carats.

He introduced Mr. Victor to the original owner, but Mr. Victor had told him (defendant) that he did not wish it known that he was purchasing the jewels.

The pawn shops were visited by defendant and Mr. Victor and the articles, taken out, and valued by local jewellers.

In answer to Mr. Macnamara, witness said it was agreed that the jewels were to be sold by them or placed on consignment and that they were to share the profits. He was to return any surplus to the original owner.

PROFIT SHARING

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said Mr. Victor paid over \$6,000 to redeem the jewels and it was understood that both were to be repaid before the sharing of profits. That was if the whole lot was sold at one time. When the jewels

BEGAN AT AGE OF 12

A man who was alleged to have started his career of stealing in 1919 was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with the theft of an overcoat.

Lau by name and now 33, he was seen taking the overcoat from a drying pole.

Sergeant Estall said defendant had 17 convictions.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

"GOOD CLEAN FUN" BY SHANGHAI NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"GOOD CLEAN FUN" WAS provided Shanghaianders, together with an indication of the "accuracy" of German press reporting, when a local German emigre paper reprinted a story from Shanghai appearing in the "Berlin Lokal Anzeiger" under the signature of Wolfgang Sorge, well-known and seasoned Shanghai correspondent.

Sorge wrote: "It is really surprising to see how much the standing of Britons in the Far East has deteriorated after only a few months of war."

"Recently I visited a well-known bar in Szechuen Road, where several Britons were dining."

"One of them ordered a glass of beer and the Chinese bar-boy made an answer unheard of in the Far East. He said 'I still accept your chits for food but for drinks, pay cash.'"

"The Britons remained with empty glasses while we Germans, sitting at the next table, signed chits as usual. Such to-day is British prestige in the Far East."—Havas.

were sold in small lots, plaintiff was to receive two-thirds of the proceeds and he the other third. The case is proceeding.

HITCH-HIKED TO WEDDING

Hitch-hiking from Salisbury Plain to Bristol, a soldier defied the weather and won his bride, but he was two and a half hours late for the wedding.

He was Arthur Talbot, a Salisbury man, and the trip took him from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

It was not until the previous night that Talbot was given leave to be married.

From his part of Salisbury Plain there was no transport, so he decided to walk it. While his bride-to-be, Miss Myrtyn Robbins, waited anxiously, Talbot was on his way. He gets only two days' honeymoon as compensation.

Fighter Command Loses Proud Record; Plane Lost

SERIOUS CLASH IN RHODESIA

Ndola (Northern Rhodesia), To-day.

Ten natives were killed, nine seriously injured and 20 wounded when troops fired on native strikers in the Nkana concession of the Luangwa district of Northern Rhodesia yesterday.

The trouble started when 3,000 strikers sought to interfere with 150 other natives while they were drawing their pay.

The police tried to disperse the strikers with tear-gas bombs but as this was ineffective the troops fired a few rounds.

This also failed to deter the crowd so the firing continued.

The troops refrained from shooting until the police had suffered 14 casualties from stone throwing.

Eventually the crowd withdrew. — Reuter.

TWO MORE GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN OFF BRITISH COAST

London, To-day.

AN R.A.F. PLANE SHOT DOWN a German raider off the north-east coast of Britain yesterday, and it is now known that a Heinkel attacked by our fighters came down into the sea.

This brings the total number of German planes destroyed in coastal raids to 51, apart from over a dozen which, it is thought, were so badly damaged they were unable to get home.

The Nazis are thought to have lost another plane in a further raid on Scapa Flow on Tuesday night.

The Admiralty announced, following the raid, that the Nazi raiders had been driven off by gunfire from ship and shore batteries, that no ship was hit or damaged, and that one bomb fell on the shore.

Yesterday morning, the German High Command issued its usual claim of having hit or damaged several British warships, but it is noted in London that, following a recent change in their policy, the Germans did not announce the names of the ships "hit."

This, it is taken, was in fear lest the ships they had "sunk or damaged" should be seen cruising unconcernedly shortly afterwards. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

A German bomber, believed to be a Heinkel, flew low over the Shetland area yesterday. British fighters went up.

Later, it was announced that a Nazi aircraft was engaged and shot down by an R.A.F. fighter off the north-east coast shortly before 1 p.m. — Reuter.

RAWALPINDI'S WAR GIFT

New Delhi, To-day.

The Governor of Punjab was yesterday presented with a contribution of £2,500 for the Viceroy's war purposes fund by the people of the Rawalpindi district.

He said that it was fitting that the name of their district should be forever associated with the example and courage of the men of the British merchant cruiser Rawalpindi. — Reuter.

SPITFIRE GOES DOWN AFTER GETTING HEINKEL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH FIGHTER COMMAND YESTERDAY LOST ITS PROUD RECORD OF SHOOTING DOWN AT LEAST 50 NAZI BOMBERS AROUND OUR COASTS WITHOUT LOSING A SINGLE DEFENDING AIRCRAFT.

Yesterday, for the first time, a German bomber claimed one of the R.A.F. fighters, a Spitfire.

HITLER CONFERS ON BRITISH THREAT

Amsterdam, To-day.

Neutral correspondents in Berlin state that Germany will undoubtedly propose to protect her ships in Norwegian territorial waters.

Hitler has been in conference with General Goering and others on the necessary steps. — Reuter.

The Spitfire, after shooting down a Heinkel III in single combat burst into flames 12 miles from the Yorkshire coast.

The pilot was rescued.

Five German airmen, two of whom were injured, were landed at a Yorkshire harbour by a drifter.

It is understood their machine was shot down by a British plane and the crew picked up by the drifter which had used its only Lewis gun in the combat. — Reuter.

CONVOY ATTACKED

London, To-day.

A German plane was sighted over the Shetlands yesterday, while other Nazi planes attacked a British convoy, dropping at least ten bombs. No damage was done. — Reuter.

NAZI LOSSES IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

On the Western Front, the Germans lost at least three planes on Tuesday, and may have actually lost seven in all. The Allies lost two — one British and one French fighter. — Reuter.

SCAPA RAID CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

Two civilians and one Serviceman were wounded by shell splinters during the German raid on Scapa Flow. Otherwise it is confirmed that there was no damage to ships or ashore. — Reuter.

GOEBBELS ACTIVE

London, To-day.

Great activity at present is being displayed by the Nazi Propaganda Minister, Dr. Goebbels, according to the official German radio.

Following Tuesday's discussions with district leaders of the German propaganda system, Dr. Goebbels yesterday saw wireless officials of the State and Nazi party.

It is announced he gave them "instructions for the continuance of their work in this war forced upon Germany by England and France."

The High Command of the German army was also represented at the meeting. — Reuter.

EXPERIMENTAL GUN SHOCKS RAIDERS

London, To-day.

German convoy raiders received an unpleasant surprise a few days ago when merchant ships retaliated with a heavy barrage of fire from an experimental weapon being tested practically for the first time.

The result was "very encouraging." — Reuter.

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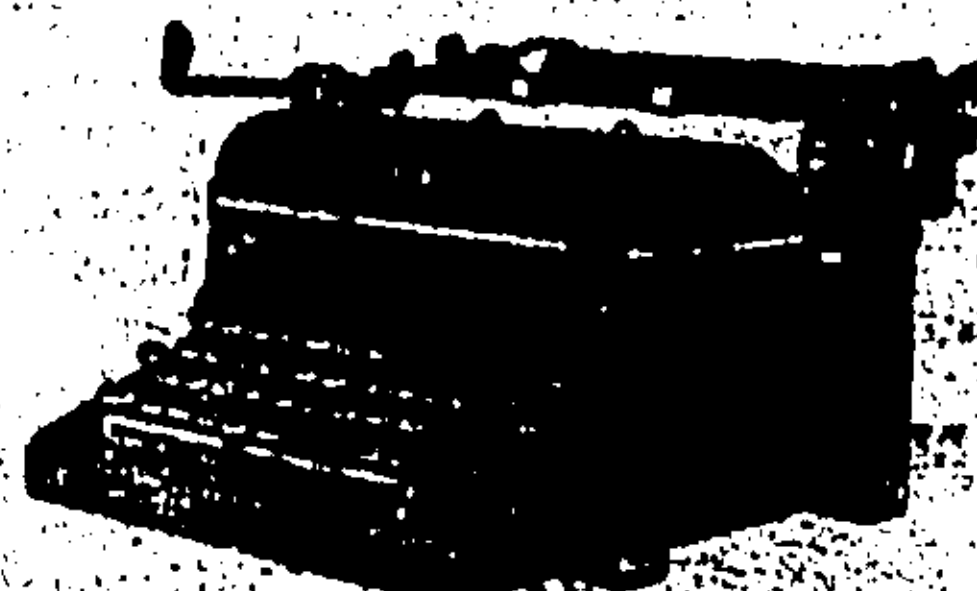
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NEUTRALS STILL WORRIED BY BRITISH INTENTIONS: AFRAID TO GIVE GUARANTEE

London, To-day.

WHILE NEUTRAL NEWSPAPERS are not over-concerned with the probable intensification of the blockade, Stockholm circles feel that the British intentions are at the moment obscure.

Mr. Chamberlain's hint that the neutrals might find themselves barred from the Empire's resources unless they give Britain an assurance that they will limit their exports to Germany has caused what alarm there is.

This alarm is not caused by fear of Britain or the Allies, but by what Germany might do if the neutrals give Britain the required assurances.

In the Netherlands, it is felt that the giving of such a guarantee is bound to expose the neutrals to retaliatory action by Germany.

Practically the whole of the neutral press agrees that a difficult time lies ahead of them.

In Italy, Mr. Chamberlain's speech is considered to herald a plan for rationing the neutral states by the Allies, and there is criticism based on the assumption that quotas will be fixed on the level of pre-war imports.—Reuter.

Rome Impressed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Political circles are impressed by the determination of the Allies to strengthen the economic blockade against Germany.

The same circles see in Mr. Chamberlain's Commons statement a new, and perhaps decisive, stage in the development of the international situation.

They are of opinion that strengthening the measures restricting the freedom of trade of neutrals would create a delicate situation.

They bitterly criticise the Allies' plan to restrict the imports of countries bordering on Germany.—Havas.

German Fulminations

London, To-day.

The greatest repercussion to Mr. Chamberlain's speech on Tuesday about the intensification of the blockade has come from the country to be most affected—Germany.

While the newspapers of neutral countries show little concern at the intensification of the blockade, the controlled Nazi press fulminates with even more than its usual vigour against "Britain's new threat to neutrals."

Correspondents of neutral newspapers in Berlin believe that Germany proposes to undertake the protection of her ships in and around Norwegian waters. They believe that this was one of the subjects discussed by Hitler in his conference on Tuesday with Field-Marshal Goering, Admiral Raeder, and Generals Kettel and von Brauschitch.

It is indicated that the chief burden will fall on Goering as Air Minister, since reports that the German Navy will provide such protection are termed in Berlin as "pure fantasy."—Reuter.

No Indication Yet

London, To-day.

There is no indication yet regarding the character of the intensified blockade measures which Mr. Chamberlain adumbrated in the House of Commons, learns Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is obvious that in matters affecting Britain's relations with neutral powers and involving questions of international law, which Britain still recognises and scrupulously practices, any new departure has to be considered from every angle and with the utmost consideration.

It is therefore felt in well-informed circles that some days will yet elapse before evidence of the Allies' policy takes shape.

It is expected that the various heads of British missions in the Balkans will reach London by the week-end, so that talks can begin on Monday.

GERMAN PRESSURE

Great importance is attached to the opportunity provided by the presence of these experienced diplomats in London for talks with the Foreign Office.

It is obvious that Germany has been using methods of commercial pressure in the Balkans.

There is no doubt about the sympathy of the Balkan States and the problem is to convince them that the Allies are in a position to save them from any German stranglehold.

In this connection the growing strength of the Allied army in the Middle East should prove a most useful card.—Reuter.

GOVERNOR OF MALTA ILL

Valletta, To-day.

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta is suffering from pneumonia, but a bulletin issued yesterday said that his condition was satisfactory.—Reuter.

GOERING PREDICTS BLITZKRIEG

Berlin, To-day.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who is also Air Minister, predicted a succession of rapid German blows in the West and that Germany would win the war.

This was in a broadcast to the Hitler Air Youth, so he could hardly have said anything else!

Germany's flanks and rear were secure, and she would win the war and "regain" her position as "the most powerful Empire in the world."

Germany's enemies were trying to prevent the reconstruction of Germany and had started the war to try and destroy it.

"They will learn what it means to attack the German people," he said. They would be given the same treatment as the Poles got, for Germany had now decided to win the war.

The speech was relayed to schools and workshops all over the country.—Reuter.

FRENCH WAR BULLETIN

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French official war communique said it was a quiet day.

The previous night, the enemy attempted a raid on one of our outposts. The raid failed completely and some prisoners were left in our hands. There were no losses on our side.

It is confirmed that the third German plane (which was mentioned as probably destroyed in the previous night's communique) was actually brought down.—Reuter.

Effort To Smash Meginot Line Predicted

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

A "MUSHROOM" GROWTH OF HOSPITALS HAS SPRUNG UP LATELY ALL OVER GERMANY, PARTICULARLY ALONG THE RHINE, GIVING RISE TO RUMOURS AMONG THE CIVIL POPULATION THAT HITLER IS PLANNING A GIGANTIC AND COSTLY BID TO SMASH THROUGH THE MAGINOT LINE.

In towns and villages, on ancient castles and modern luxury hotels, the roofs are being painted with huge red crosses on white backgrounds as a warning to Allied airmen.

Wherever possible existing hospitals have been converted for military purposes but in many places schools, monasteries, private hotels and famous castles have been pressed into use.

Luxury hotels at Marlenbad, Karlsbad, Tepitz and other spas in former Czechoslovakia have also been equipped to receive a thousand wounded whenever necessary.—Reuter.

Intense Air Activity

Paris, To-day.

A high military authority, commenting on the intensive air activity of the past 24 hours, said:

"We are entering a period of aerial warfare."

Guarded by fighting craft, French planes yesterday made extensive reconnaissances in inner Germany.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEER LOSSES

Stockholm, To-day.

It is officially announced that Scandinavian volunteers fighting for Finland when hostilities ceased numbered 8,700, of which 726 were Norwegians.

Scandinavian casualties were 26 killed, 39 wounded and 10 missing.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT THIRD TERM SUPPORT

New York, To-day.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin voted 3 to 1 in deciding to support President Roosevelt for a third term in office. The other candidate supported was Mr. Garner, the Vice-President.

The Republican primaries were also held, and here Mr. Thomas Dewey, District Attorney of New York, was given a 2 to 1 lead over Senator Vandenberg.

In the somewhat complicated system of American politics, one State's primary does not produce any concrete result, but the present result is regarded generally in the United States as an indication of President Roosevelt's prospects should he decide to stand for a third term of office.—Reuter.

Smashing Victory

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

President Roosevelt scored a smashing victory against Vice-President Garner in preliminary elections held by four constituencies in New York.

Should Mr. Roosevelt decide to run for a third term, he is assured of the support of 94 Democratic votes in the State of New York.—Havas.

168,000 TO 56,000

Milwaukee, To-day.

Candidates pledged to re-elect Roosevelt gained a majority of votes in the Wisconsin presidential preference primary. Latest returns from 1844 districts give candidates pledged to Roosevelt 168,210 votes and those pledged to Garner only 56,806 votes.—Reuter.

CHARM OF THE CHINESE GIRL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The charm and attractiveness of Chinese girls is warmly praised by Miss Shipper, graduate of the Margery Willson School of Charm, in New York.

Miss Shipper has spent seven months in Shanghai studying Chinese culture and language, and she says she was "greatly impressed with Chinese girls, their poise and charm."

She added: "This charm comes from within, as real charm should." Miss Shipper is returning to San Francisco where she intends to resume her classes, lecturing on the charm of Chinese girls.

Miss Shipper is also a nurse graduate in anaesthetics.—Havas.

THE CRAIGIE SPEECH

Raises Discussion In Commons And Lords

No Change In China Policy, Says Mr. Butler

London, To-day.

MR. PHILIP NOEL-BAKER (Labour) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the terms of Sir Robert Craigie's speech in Tokyo on March 28 indicated a change in the Government's Far Eastern policy or whether it was intended to fulfil in the letter and spirit the policy of support of the National Government of China under General Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said the Foreign Secretary had given attention to the speech in question.

"It is not customary on such occasions for His Majesty's representatives to submit the text of their speeches in advance but the Foreign Secretary is quite ready to accept responsibility for what was said.

"Meanwhile I am authorised by the Ambassador to say he had no intention of suggesting that British policy had undergone any change or that it in any way diverged from what has been repeatedly explained to the House.

No Change Of Policy

"It follows from this that there is no question of His Majesty's Government changing their view as to what they continue to regard as the legitimate Government of China.

"Nor is there any question of a departure from the general attitude which they have adopted towards the Far Eastern question or any modification of their desire to see a settlement of the dispute on equitable terms."

Mr. Noel-Naker asked if it was not unfortunate that an impression should have been created in Japan that the British people condoned aggression in Asia although resisting it in Europe.

Mr. Butler said he trusted no such impression had been created but he felt satisfied that the terms of his answer would dispel any such impression.

Misunderstandings

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked whether in view of the misunderstandings aroused by this speech the Minister would make it clear again that it still remained the policy of the British Government that the provisions of the Nine-Power Treaty must continue in operation until they are abrogated or amended with the consent of the signatory powers.

Mr. Butler: "Yes, it has always been our endeavour to conduct our policy in the Far East in accordance with the principles underlying the Nine-Power Treaty and so keep in step with the French and American Governments."

Sentences Picked Out

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) asked if the Minister's attention had been called to the following sentences in the speech—"Both countries (England and Japan) are ultimately striving for the same objective," and "It is surely not beyond the powers of constructive statesmanship to bring the aims of their national policies into full harmony."

Col. Wedgwood asked if the Government would emphatically renounce a view of that character. (Ministerial cries of "No").

Mr. Butler replied that it served no useful purpose to seize upon certain

expressions in the speech. It was more valuable to accept the statement he (Mr. Butler) had made as representing the policy of the Government, and he would go further and say the Government saw no objection to improving their relations with Japan. (Ministerial cheers).

Lord's Discussion

The Craigie speech was also raised in the House of Lords in a question by Lord Samuel, who said: "We all desire that Anglo-Japanese relations should be placed on a satisfactory footing and must welcome Sir Robert Craigie's efforts to effect that object, but as reported the speech might be interpreted as a condonation of Japan's actions in recent years and as an acceptance of her policy."

"The Japanese invasion has been generally held all over the world as something to be condemned."

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, in reply, said he had seen a fuller account of the speech than was available in the press here.

He proceeded to answer in the same terms as Mr. Butler in the Commons.

Sir Robert's Aim

Lord Halifax added that the Government did not regard their policy as thus defined as in any way inconsistent with the endeavour to which Lord Samuel also attached importance, to place our relations with Japan on a friendlier footing. Sir Robert Craigie had rendered a very valuable service in this direction, and it was this purpose that he was specially concerned to promote in his speech.—*Reuter*.

HITLERITE FANATICS

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE DRIVE TO COLLECT SCRAP METAL FOR HITLER'S BIRTHDAY IS BEING PURSUED WITH FANATICAL ENERGY IN GERMANY.

Every day the newspapers suggest new sources of supply and the people are being asked to give up ancient coins and medals.

Sportsmen who have sacrificed their trophies are held up as model citizens.

A start in removing public monuments for the benefit of the metal collection is already reported to have been made in Prague and other places in the Protectorate.—*Reuter*.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over South China, and the depression has moved north-eastward to Hokkaido.

ALLIANCE WITH TURKEY

London, To-day.
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that conversations had recently taken place between British, French and Turkish military representatives regarding the military application of the treaty of mutual assistance.—*Reuter*.

"FEMALE FOREIGN LEGION"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
PARIS, TO-DAY.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE BEGUM AGA KHAN, WIFE OF THE LEADER OF THE WORLD'S MOSLEMS, AND BARONESS EUGENIE DE ROTHSCHILD, FOREIGN WOMEN RESIDING FOR A LONG TIME IN FRANCE, HAVE BEEN FORMED INTO A "FEMALE FOREIGN LEGION" WITH A VIEW TO HELPING MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN LEGION AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The ladies of the legion will function in the non-military field by the side of the famous troops they have "adopted."

One of the two founders, Madam Hitzbleck Plahner, asserted that the object of the legion for foreign women is to "give moral and material help to the soldiers of the Foreign Legion and their dependents."

They will organise entertainments, teach the French way of living and try to give Legionaries a feeling of solidarity with the French people.—*Havas*.

PRESSURE ON SWEDEN DENIED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
REUTER LEARNS FROM OFFICIAL QUARTERS THAT SINCE THE SIGNATURE OF THE RESPECTIVE WAR TRADE AGREEMENTS NO APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EITHER NORWAY OR SWEDEN ON THE SUBJECT OF RESTRICTION BY THEM OF IRON ORE SUPPLIED TO GERMANY.

Mr. Charles Hambro, is now in Stockholm on behalf of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare but he has taken with him no proposals for a new trade agreement with Sweden, nor are any proposals being made to Norway for a trade agreement to replace that signed last month.—*Reuter*.

WELL-DRESSED PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

A well-dressed Chinese, Shum Wo, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with stealing \$560 in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

Det.-Sergeant Brooks said that a farmer going to change money at a money-changer's shop, found a hand in his pocket, holding the money. He struggled and caught him.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

THE CHALLENGE TO FREEDOM

Paris, To-day.

Further evidence of Anglo-French solidarity was given yesterday when Earl De La Warr, President of the British Board of Education, broadcast from Paris to the young people of France and England on the contribution the schools of the two countries could make towards Anglo-French unity.

He pointed out that there was no sphere more important than the schools where young France and young England are to-day picking up their ideas and laying the foundations of their future lives.

The challenge to freedom would be answered in the immediate future by Franco-British arms, but in the long view it was a direct challenge to the schools and the quality of the human beings they were turning out.

Full international understanding must begin in the united front of the Western democracies and to this end English schools were already engaged in special methods of instructing their pupils in the ideals, culture and achievements of France.

New plans have been made and programmes drawn up for school broadcasts, films and lectures. Exchange visits of teachers and children will also be arranged.—*Reuter*.

PIGEONS WORK WITH R.A.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.
HALF A MILLION HOMING PIGEONS ARE BEING USED BY THE R.A.F. OF WHICH 2,000 BIRDS ARE ON DUTY DAILY WITH THE COASTAL COMMAND READY TO CARRY MESSAGES FROM RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT TO BASES WHEN IT IS NECESSARY THAT WIRELESS SHALL REMAIN SILENT.

Pigeons often show remarkable tenacity in fighting their way home. One bird released from an aircraft at 13,000 feet in clear weather above a blizzard off the Scandinavian coast and distressed by the altitude dropped like a plummet to 1,500 feet, at which height it is accustomed to fly.

When the bird disappeared into the blizzard below, the pilot gave it up for lost. But three days later the pigeon returned to its base. It had fought its way across the North Sea in blinding snow and a roaring north-westerly gale.—*British Wireless*.

MORE PRISONERS FROM NAZI U-BOATS

London, To-day.
A further list of four members of U-boat personnel now prisoners of war in Britain is announced. This list brings up to 362 the total of combatant prisoners of war, of whom the great majority were from crews of German submarine.—*British Wireless*.

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Mr. Sumner Welles certainly made the most of the limited time at his disposal. Everywhere he gave the impression of a shrewd sifter of facts—urbane and capable, a perfect listener with quick power of absorption. In London and Paris—but not of course in Berlin—he heard every shade of opinion and the unanimity with which the idea of any patched-up peace is scouted in the Western democracies must therefore have been very clearly impressed upon his mind. Apart from his economic plan for freer trade—which is in entire accordance with British principles—he has abstained from making any positive contribution to the many discussions with Italian, German, French, and British public men. He has repeatedly emphasised that he came over to find out the acts of the European situation—in which, however, hopes, ambitions, outlooks, and moral tendencies are at least as important as plain facts. His own conclusions will be reserved for the ears of President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, and the ultimate importance of the tour will lie in the reaction of the two American statesmen to his report. In the meantime President Roosevelt has showed that he himself has no doubts about the fundamental issues of the present war. It cannot be a lasting peace (he said) if the fruit of it is oppression or starvation or cruelty, or human life dominated by armed camps. It cannot be moral peace if freedom from invasion is sold for tribute. . . . It cannot be a righteous peace if worship of God is denied. It cannot be a real peace if it fails to recognize brotherhood.

There is not a word in this definition of a real peace with which the Western Allies would disagree. But oppression, the domination of armed camps, the denial of God, the denial of brotherhood between a large nation and a small, are the very stuff of which the Nazi Weltanschauung is composed and on which the policy of Hitler's Government is based. It is therefore manifestly not possible to conclude a real peace with the present rulers of Germany. Even if they were to profess different views from those which they now hold, the new promises of political gangsters who have broken almost every promise they ever made to other countries would not possess the smallest value.

In one of his own earlier utterances in the United States Mr. Sumner Welles put first on an American programme of peace the "revitalisation of international morals." If the spirit of Christian civilisation can be truly reestablished in international affairs, the rest of the results so ardently desired in the United States, in Britain, France, and most other countries would naturally follow. Small nations would no longer live in terror of their powerful neighbours, and freedom of thought and religion would everywhere prevail.

It is the spirit which matters. When Mr. Welles was in Berlin the Nazi Press vigorously promulgated the idea of a German Monroe Doctrine for Europe, and in the circumstances prevailing in Germany to-day it may be taken as certain that the proposition was officially calculated to make a special appeal to the distinguished visitor. His own immediate reactions remain of course undisclosed; but the suggestion has been greeted with decision in the New York Press—not because there is anything fantastic in the notion that a more comprehensive organisation of Europe is desirable, in which Germany would necessarily play a leading part, but be-

cause in America domination by violence is excluded and because domination by violence is the only method which Nazi Germany is capable of conceiving. "How reasonable, how adroit," the New York Times ironically observed, it must have seemed to Germans to mention the Monroe Doctrine, and it continued:—

The Monroe Doctrine presumably gives us the right to occupy Argentina and Brazil, to shoot their leading civilians, close their universities, conscript their labour, uproot thousands of women and children from their homes, and impose our ideas upon Latin America at the point of the bayonet.—"The Times."

BANE OF PAST

The evidence is becoming increasingly clear that no tenable argument can be made against the trade agreements. So far as the opposition case is concerned, it was summed up, with surprising candor, by a member of the House committee who, in acknowledging a difference of viewpoint between himself and the Secretary of State, said that Mr. Hull "takes the broad view that the whole country is helped," while the members of Congress must think of "the interests of the people we represent." That devotion to narrow sectional interests, understandable though it is, has been the bane of our tariff policy in the past, and is the best argument that can be made for continuing the present limited tariff adjustment powers of the Secretary of State and the President, whose viewpoint in the very nature of things is national rather than sectional. —"Washington Star."

**"LIQUIDATION" NEW
STYLE?**

The fate of the Otto Kuusinen whom the Russians put up last autumn as head of the puppet Government of Finland with which alone they were prepared to make peace is obscure. For the Russians have found, after all, that they would have to make peace with the real Finnish Government which was none of their choosing; and in that case Mr. Kuusinen looks like an awkward excrescence on the fair face of the Lady Precious Prestige, a fickle deity whose favour is sought with particularly desperate vehemence by regimes whose moral reputation is already gone for good. Obviously from Holy Joe Stalin's point of view Mr. Kuusinen would be much better out of the way, and the first hasty reports of this week said that he had been duly "liquidated" in the good old-fashioned style of Soviet internal politics. A Copenhagen message said that he had been shot for having misled Holy Joe and the Com-

TIME

Time is never the automatic and unconditional friend of any belligerent. It favours the more efficient. Time is never a neutral neither. It may change sides, and more than once, before finally fixing its support on behalf of those whose energy and ability have excelled. In other words, time, like Providence, helps those who help themselves. —J. L. Garvin.

rades about the true state of Finnish opinion. But now it is stated in Berlin that Mr. Kuusinen "has been promoted to be a leader-writer on an obscure provincial paper."

"Tant mieux pour Monsieur Kuusinen"—from his point of view it is much better to be a pen-pusher in the tents of obscurity than a corpse under the rifles of the firing squad. Perhaps it also indicates a growing mildness in the matter of "liquidation" penalties: where once Siberia or the firing squad would have been the only way, a mere life-sentence of leader-writing may now meet the case. But his rumoured "promotion" may also be a recognition of the essential futility of Mr. Kuusinen in any event. One does not quite see Holy Joe and his advisers inviting Mr. Trotsky to return with a free permit to write leaders on even the most obscure of "provincial papers."—"Lucio" in the "Manchester Guardian."

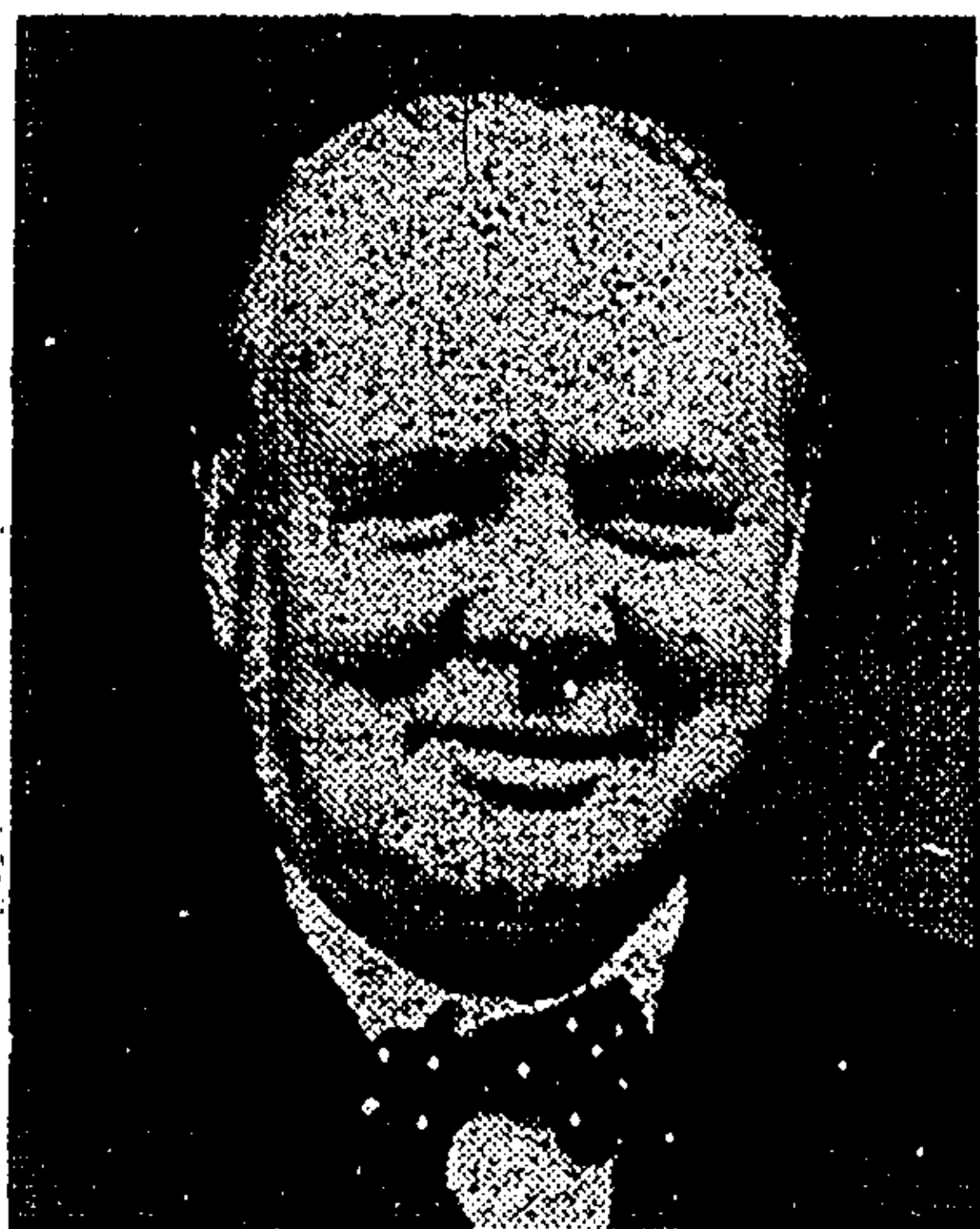
Mr. Chamberlain's Cabinet Reshuffle

MR. CHURCHILL AS STRATEGY CHIEF

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A SERIES OF CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, FORECAST FOR SOME TIME, WERE ANNOUNCED FROM DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY.

Principal changes are the removal of Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, and the resignation of Lord Chatfield, Defence Co-ordination Minister.



Mr. Churchill becomes in effect, Britain's chief director of war strategy as a result of the Cabinet changes.

The new Air Minister is Sir Samuel Hoare, formerly Lord Privy Seal, who returns to his old office and who switches posts with Sir Kingsley Wood.

Lord Chatfield's position as Defence Co-ordination Minister is taken over by Mr. Winston Churchill, who at the same time retains his post as First Lord of the Admiralty.

The new Cabinet posts are as follows:—

Lord Privy Seal—Sir Kingsley Wood.

Air Minister—Sir Samuel Hoare.
Duchy of Lancaster—Major G. C. Tryon.

Board of Education—Mr. Herwald Ramsbotham.

Minister of Food—Lord Woolton.

Shipping—Mr. R. S. Hudson.

First Commissioner of Works—Earl de la Warr.

Postmaster-General—Mr. W. S. Morrison.

Overseas Trade — Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare.

Parliamentary Financial Secretary to Admiralty—Sir Victor Warrender.

Financial Secretary to the War Office—Sir Edward Grigg.

Mr. Churchill's Job

With Lord Chatfield's resignation, Mr. Winston Churchill, while remaining as First Lord of the Admiralty, is to preside over the Committee of Service Chiefs which meets regularly, with the three Chiefs of Staff as advisers, to keep under constant review, on behalf of the War Cabinet, the main factors in the strategical situation, the progress of operations and to make recommendations from time to time to the War Cabinet regarding the general conduct of the war.—Reuter.

Meaning Of Changes

London, To-day.
By the Cabinet changes the War Cabinet is reduced from nine to eight members.

Purpose of the changes is to make alterations in the relations between members of the War Cabinet and Ministers not in the Cabinet but

who are in charge of departments, and thus secure full co-ordination of important departments.

Such co-operation is particularly apparent in Mr. Churchill's committee, which is in effect the strategy and operations committee of the War Cabinet.

The Postmaster-General and First Commissioner of Works will have a rank which in peacetime would be equivalent to Cabinet rank.

Well Received

Reuter's lobby correspondent gathers in the lobbies that Mr. Churchill's new post is well received.

Sir Samuel Hoare's appointment to the Air Ministry, of which he has been the head twice before, is welcomed inasmuch as there have been growing doubts as to whether some stimulus was not required there.

Sir Samuel's previous association with the Air Ministry and Admiralty is expected to bring reassurance to the critics.

Sir Samuel Hoare's close interest in the Air Ministry has never flagged and he is known to have very definite views on the best means of securing maximum production by the department.

Official Statement

An official statement from the Prime Minister's residence states the fact that certain Ministers are accepting less important offices is no reflection on the way they have conducted the business of their departments but is solely due to the over-riding necessity of making the best use of every Minister's services.

Mr. Chamberlain's object is to secure full co-ordination of the work of departments which have



Lord Chatfield, who has resigned from the office of Minister for Co-ordination of Defence. The post disappears from the list, but Mr. Winston Churchill is to take over the duties with, apparently, extended responsibilities.

related functions and to keep the War Cabinet informed of all questions of major importance.

Lord Chatfield will not be replaced as Defence Co-ordination Minister, while the Minister of Supply will be added to Mr. Churchill's defence committee.

Lord Chatfield's Letter

Lord Chatfield, in his letter of resignation, stated that although a Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence was necessary in peace, his responsibilities in war were greatly lessened by the establishment of the War Cabinet, especially as his power to co-ordinate and make decisions must pass automatically into the Prime Minister's hands.

He had therefore placed his office entirely at the Premier's disposal.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that when he appointed Lord Chatfield he felt that in the conditions which he then expected to prevail, Lord Chatfield's long sea experience would be invaluable.

In fact, conditions have proved very different from anticipations. Nevertheless the Premier expresses gratitude for Lord Chatfield's counsel and wise and skilful handling of all matters which has been of utmost assistance.

Premier's Aim

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "I am now contemplating changes which I believe will prove valuable in prosecuting the war but which will somewhat reduce the functions with which you have been particularly associated," and expressed the hope it might be possible to find other means "of making your great abilities available for the benefit of the country in winning the war."—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVY TO BE INCREASED

Paris, To-day.

M. Campinchi, the Navy Minister, stated before the Chamber's naval commission yesterday that it has been decided to lay down a further number of warships of all types amounting to 200,000 tons.

M. Campinchi said the average monthly French tonnage sunk by U-boats as only half the tonnage sunk in September.

German air attacks, of which there had been several hundred during the last seven months, had destroyed not more than 25,000 tons of shipping.—Reuter.

OVER HALF MILLION FIND JOBS

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour announces a substantial improvement in unemployment figures.

Between Feb. 12 and March 11 the number of unemployed fell by 383,000 to 1,121,000.

Compared with March, 1939, this was a reduction of 605,000.

A large part of the increase in employment was due to the improvement in weather conditions but in addition there has been a general increase in industrial activity from other causes.—Reuter.

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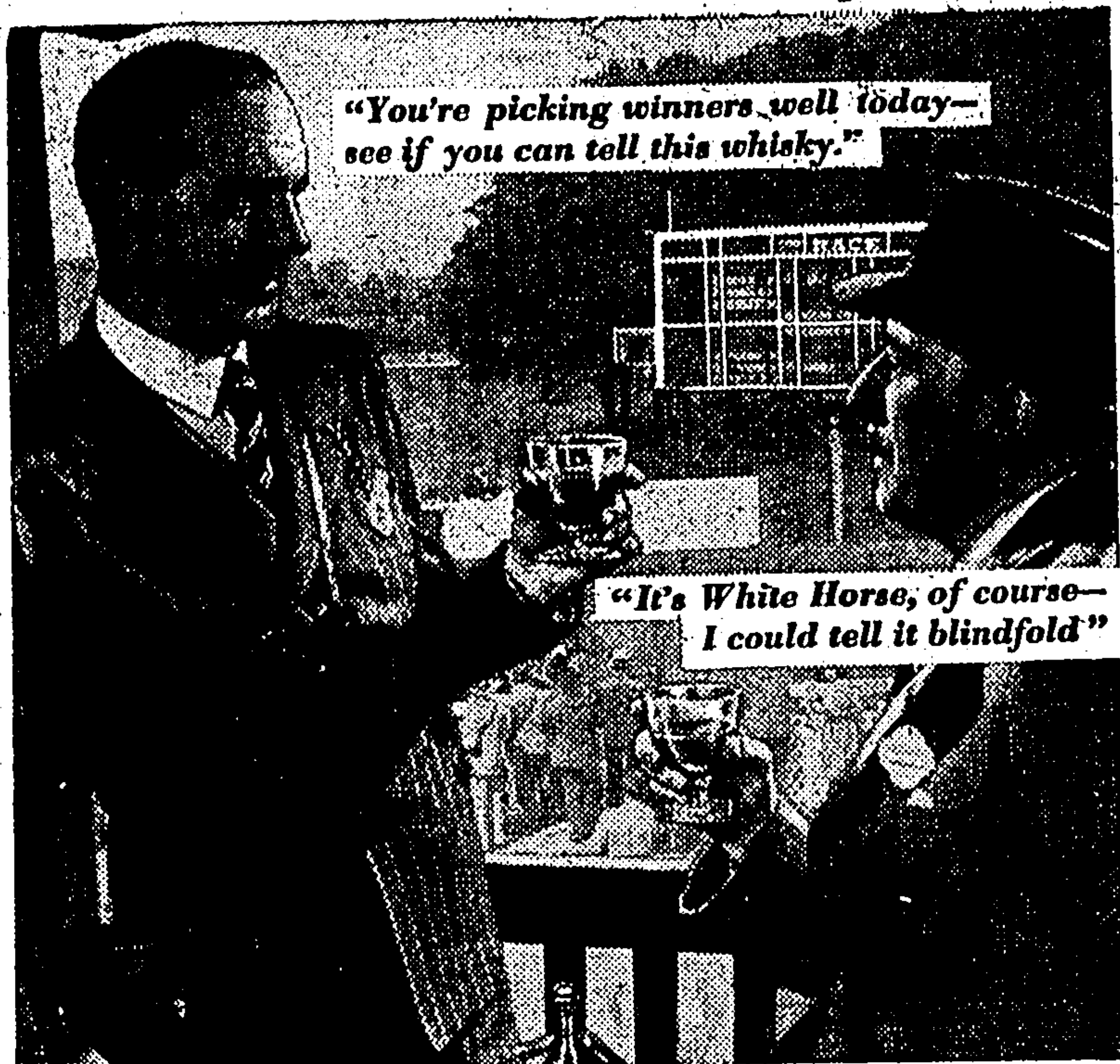
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M. REYNAUD'S BROADCAST TO AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"TOTALITARIAN GERMANY has been so totally insincere that it would be madness to sign any kind of compromise with her," declared the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting to America yesterday.

"I am not giving you advice," M. Reynaud said. "You alone can decide what course you want to follow.

"But I am sure that if wishes carried material strength we would win the war to-morrow with all the wishes entertained for our victory in America.

"The more you learn about the present war the better for us. This war is not like the others.

"Certain European neutrals provide facilities for Hitler and yet hope for Hitler's defeat.

"The average Frenchman knows his freedom of expression is challenged by the war provoked by the Nazis.

SOVIET BETRAYAL

"He also knows that the Soviets, who claimed to be the defenders of the people's rights, are the Nazis' accomplices and have betrayed Democracy.

"Never have the reasons for fighting been clearer. We are proud of defending a cause such as ours against such an enemy.

"We are fighting for ourselves, to assure the peace of Europe and to restore the dismembered countries, France and Britain are strong enough to win.

"We will use our victory to give security to small nations and to establish a permanent peace, not to make just another peace treaty.

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"The Allied cause is the cause of liberty and we will win." — Havas.

WANG PAPER KEEPS UP THE ATTACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"Mr. Cordell Hull's clumsy statement will lead the United States nowhere," the "Central China Daily News," organ of Wang Ching-wei, declares commenting on the American refusal to extend recognition to the new puppet regime.

"The United States can intervene in the Far East only through Russia or Britain, but neither power is ready to fight for the Americans.

"The only time the Americans could have used Russia against Japan was at Changkufeng.

"By not recognising us the powers would lose more than we, as we would only lose trade." — Havas.

NAZI PLANE PLUNGES DEEP INTO GROUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A German biplane, brought down in France yesterday, dug a deep hole into the ground when it crashed; the crew were killed.

A French "Morane" plane was brought down. — Havas.

GENERALISSIMO

THANKS H.K. PATRIOTS

Chungking, To-day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued an order commending the patriotism of Chinese hawkers and merchants in Hong Kong who raised and remitted recently \$4,000 to the National Military Council as a comfort fund for the Chinese frontline troops in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. — Central News.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



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BRITISH TRADE WITH RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Anglo-Rumanian trade negotiations are going on between British experts and a delegation headed by M. Jordan, general secretary of the Rumanian Finance Ministry.

Representatives of the Rumanian National Bank and the Foreign Trade Bureau are participating.—Havas.

GERMANY WARNS NORWAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS REACHING HERE FROM AMSTERDAM, GERMANY HAS WARNED NORWAY OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TO FOLLOW IF NORWAY STOPS THE SHIPMENT OF SWEDISH ORE THROUGH HER TERRITORY TO GERMANY.

This warning is said to have been given at a moment when the Norwegian Parliament was said to be meeting secretly to discuss the Allied blockade. Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop is said to have told the German Minister to Norway to make these representations at a time which would coincide with the secret meeting.—Reuter.

SNAILS AND GULLS TO AID RATIONS

There is no reason why we should not fill out our rationed diet with seagulls, snails and seaweed, says Professor L. Renouf, of Cork University.

Snails used to be eaten in many districts in England, particularly by the glass-blowers of Bristol, he says.

Many kinds of birds not usually considered suitable for the table were fit to eat—for instance, gulls.

These birds, however, required careful preparation in the kitchen because they had large oil glands, and unless these were carefully removed they were apt to have a musty taste.

All round our coasts were large quantities of edible seaweeds.

"Macon's" brief day of fame is over. The Government has decided to cease producing this mutton substitute for bacon. Supplies of bacon and ham are now plentiful.

DROVE TAXI TO GARAGE

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, S. Monaghan, of No. 70, Nathan Road, was fined \$25 for driving a public taxi without the owner's permission and without a valid licence.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented defendant, and expressed regret for the incident.

Sergeant Youe, who prosecuted, stated that at 1 a.m. on March 2, Monaghan engaged a taxi in Middle Road. Upon reaching Cheung Lok Street he apparently for no reason at all, struck the driver, who ran away and made a report at Yaumati Station.

While the driver was making the report, Sergt. Youe received a telephone call from the Blue Taxi Company, stating that the taxi had been driven to the garage by accused himself.

Imposing the fine, Mr. Macfadyen said: "Even if he was competent to drive the car, there was a potential danger."

RUSSO-JAP TALKS FAIL TO PROGRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

No progress has been noticed in the last fortnight in the Russo-Japanese conversations and no substantial improvement either in trade or the political field can be expected for some time, in the opinion of observers here.

Moscow desires to achieve some spectacular result in the negotiations with Japan, in order to reinforce her international position, but at the same time she does not appear ready to pay the high price Japan is asking, especially in implicit recognition of the status quo in China.

On the other hand, the border problems are by no means settled and both countries still disagree on wide stretches of territory, thus leaving new incidents, such as Nomonhan, always possible.

As to the trade situation, observers note it has been the constant Russian practice to make improvement in commercial relations dependent upon a political understanding.—Havas.

LANGUAGE PITFALLS IN FRANCE

While the men of the British Air Forces in France are making progress with the French tongue, the French civilian is also doing his bit to smoothe out any language difficulty that may be hampering the Entente Cordiale.

A school child passing an R.A.F. man in the street calls a cheerful "Good morning sir," "Goodnight sir," or sometimes even "Goodbye, sir." The children are proud of their growing stock of phrases.

Each language, of course, has its pitfalls, and neither side succeeds in avoiding all of them.

For example, one local French paper translated the "Black Watch" into "Montre Noir," and a montre is not the kind of watch that wears trews.

The palm, however, goes to a Royal Air Force officer who was passing through a district where the blue uniform was not a familiar spectacle. A curious French civilian asked him why he and his companions did not wear khaki like the others. He explained in almost perfect French that the people in khaki were soldiers, and those in blue "voleurs" — literally "thieves".

Such shocks will probably continue until the French invent another verb in place of "voler," to fly or "voler" to steal.

WOMAN THROWS BOTTLE AT NO. 10

A bottle containing a message was thrown by a woman at the Prime Minister's residence at No. 10, Downing Street, recently.

The woman, wearing a scarlet scarf over her head and a brown mackintosh, ran into the road and threw the bottle, apparently at one of the windows. It missed, however, and smashed in pieces against the wall. The bottle contained a peace slogan written in red on a sheet of paper.

Policemen were on duty, and a few moments later the woman, struggling and shouting, was led away by two police officers towards Cannon-row Police Station.

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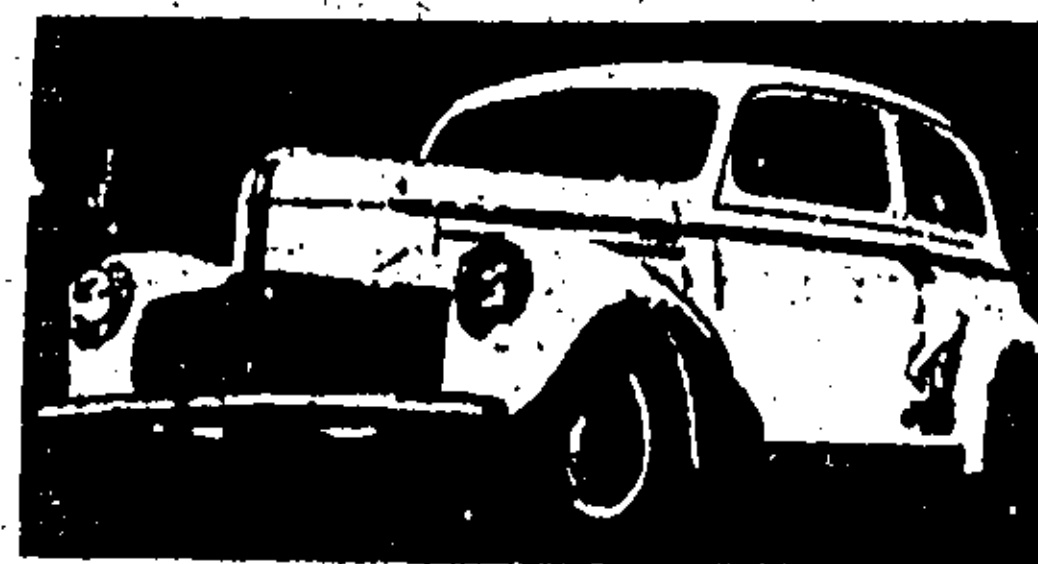
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NEUTRALS ON WAR DEVELOPMENTS

Berne, To-day.

THE SWISS PRESS divides editorial attention between the German White Book and M. Molotov's speech. The "Tribune" says: "This publication (the White Book) is clearly intended to counteract the profound impression created in the whole world by the French Yellow Book and the English Blue Book."

The "Zurcher" declares: "Molotov's injunction that no one must forget Russia's intention to pursue her own politics was clearly addressed to Germany, and Berlin seems deeply disappointed with Russia, who has wisely pocketed her winnings without having to stake all on the German card of victory or defeat."

"Moscow, being anxious about General Weygand's army, is eager to avoid giving the Allies any pretext for attack."

"Nevertheless the Kremlin apparently realises that Russia's protestations of neutrality may come too late and that maybe a collision with the Allies is inevitable. How disastrous Russia considers such a war would be can be clearly seen in Molotov's speech."

HUNGARIANS EXPECTANT

The Hungarian press betrays a mood of expectancy of the British blockade intensification.

The "Magyar Orszag" believes Britain will attempt to enhance the control sufficiently to make neutrals entirely dependent upon her pleasure, even by entering the Black Sea.

The paper also stresses the significance of Molotov's vague reference to Rumania.

The "Magyar Nemzet" stresses London's mistrust of Russian promises and Molotov's equivocal statements, while quoting the Soviet paper "Pravda" as repeating the statement that the Soviet is ready to strengthen connections with the West.

The "Magyar Nemzet" also stresses the significance of the report that Britain desires to extend the blockade to the Adriatic.—Reuter.

PRINCESS ROYAL AT ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.

The Princess Royal yesterday reviewed the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Aldershot.

She wore the uniform of a commandant of the A.T.S. and was received by Major-General McNaughton, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces.—Reuter.

MAN STRIPPED, BEAT HER, SAYS GIRL

An attractive brunette said at Marlborough-street Police Court that after visiting night clubs with a man he stripped her in his West End office, beat her, threw her into a cellar and poured cold water over her.

Frank Aubrey Sabine, thirty-six, sewing machine engineer, of Wrotesley-road, Harlesden, N.W., who was charged with indecently assaulting Miss Greta Heertjes, of Kendal-street, Edgware-road, W., was committed for trial to the Old Bailey. Bail was allowed in £50. Counsel for Miss Heertjes asked that her name be suppressed, but the magistrate (Mr. E. G. D. Boyd) said he could not direct such a course.

Miss Heertjes, who said she was of independent means, described how she dined with Sabine and a Mr. Parker and later visited night clubs. Sabine offered to take her home about 3 a.m. He drove to his office in Great Titchfield-street, W., and as she did not suspect anything, she

went in with him.

"BEAT ME WITH RULER"

All of a sudden Sabine said: "You have to take off your clothes. We are going to stay here the whole night."

She resisted Sabine's efforts to undress her, but he forced her to take all her clothes off, except her stockings and shoes.

"He then forced me to the floor and started to beat me as hard as he could with his fists and a ruler," Miss Heertjes added.

After he had done "everything a gentleman should not do," she managed to get up. She ran to another office, where Sabine threw her down steps into a cellar.

"I was naked. He followed. I was on the floor semi-conscious and he threw ice-cold water over me." Eventually Miss Heertjes went on, she put on her clothes and hurried out and got a policeman.

HISTORICAL FILM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE SCREEN SEASON WAS MARKED BY AN OUTSTANDING WORK—A HISTORICAL FILM PICTURING THE RISE TO POWER OF HITLER.

M. Jacques Halk produced the film which was welcomed by film critics as a masterpiece.

Memorable sequences of the film deal with the murders of the former German Chancellor von Schleicher, the Storm Troop leader, Ernst von Roehm, the Austrian Chancellor, Engelbert Dollfuss, the persecution of Jews and the sack of the Archbishop's home in Vienna.—Havas.

ITALIANS ESTABLISH FOOD CONTROL

Rome, To-day.

Italy has decided to establish control over the storage and distribution of food stuffs for the civilian population and armed forces, and to watch over food industries in the event of war.

Heavy fines and imprisonment can be imposed for attempts to hoard food.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ARMY ESTIMATES CUT

Washington, To-day.

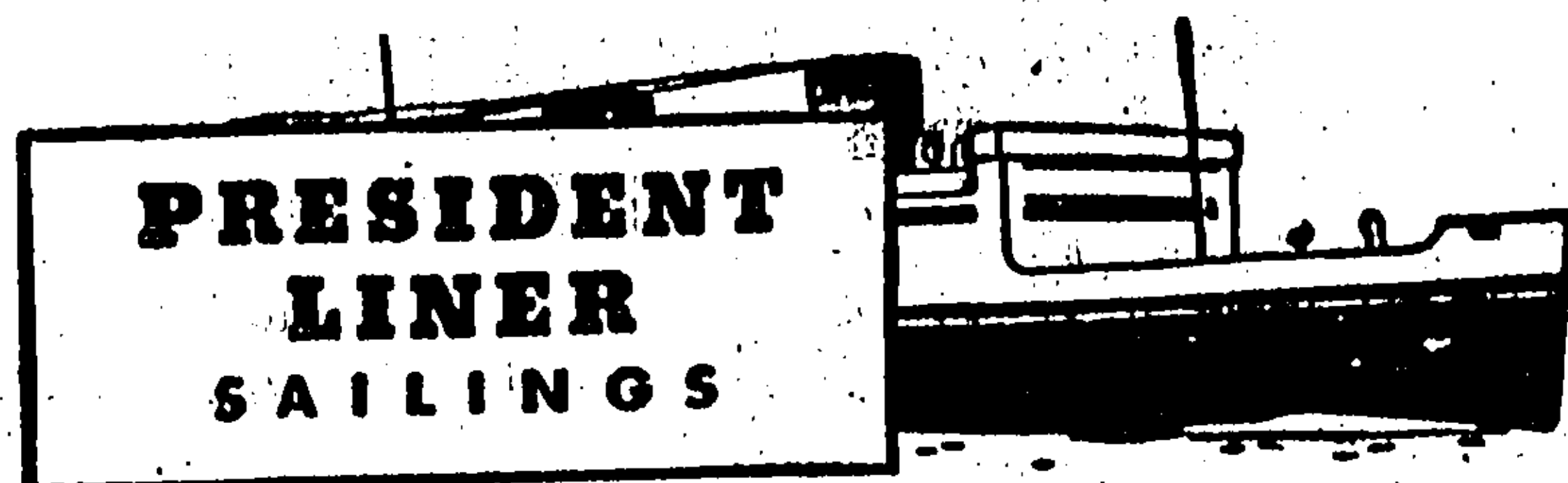
The Army Appropriations Committee has recommended to the House of Representatives an appropriation of U.S.\$786,000,000.

This is \$67,000,000 less than President Roosevelt's recommendation.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIRMEN DOWN IN KATTEGAT

Copenhagen, To-day.

Four German airmen landed yesterday afternoon from a rubber boat on the Danish island of Samuwe, in the Kattegat. They explained that their warplane was forced to alight on the sea.—Reuter.



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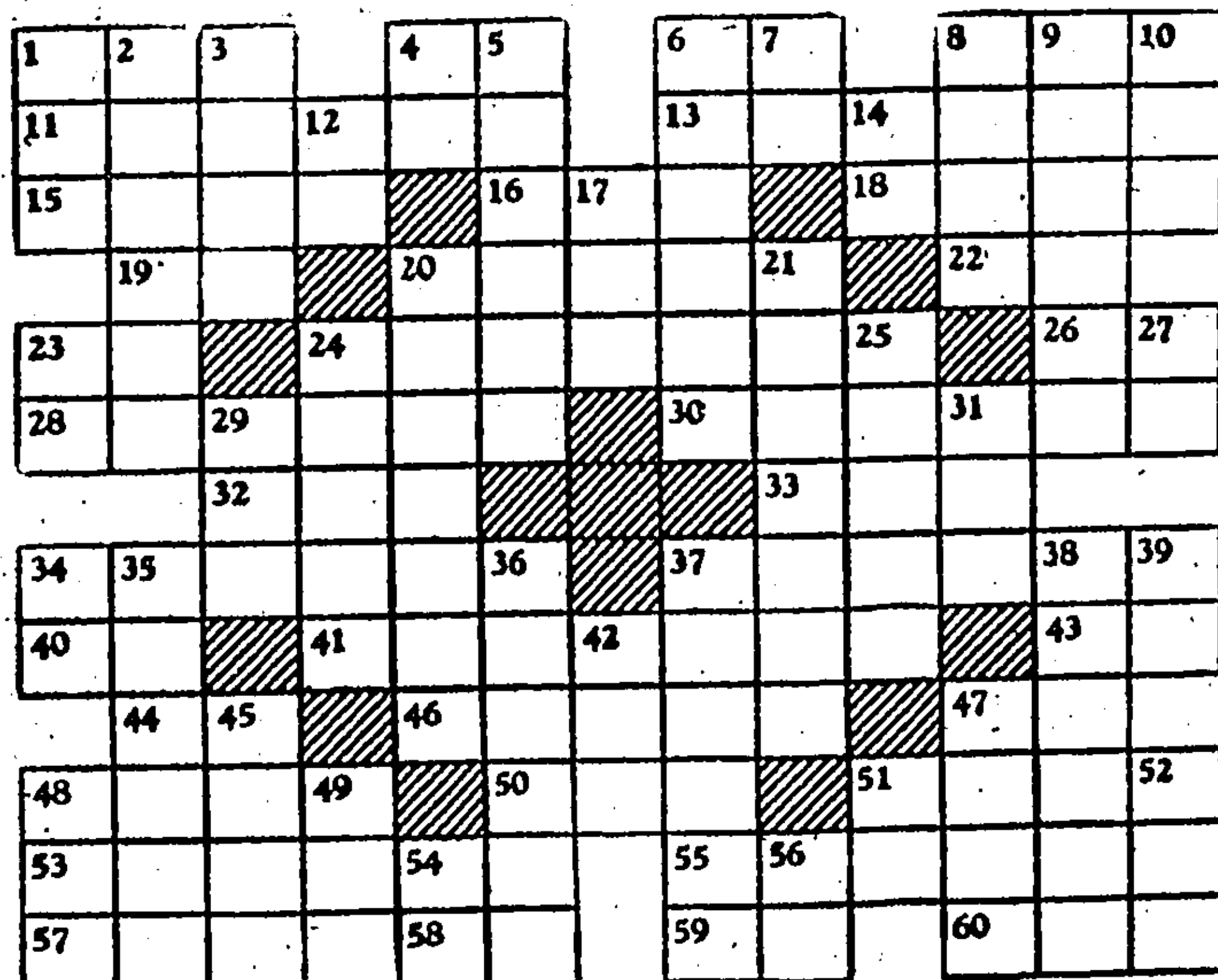
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Artificial language
- 4 Bone
- 6 To exist
- 8 Ibsen heroine
- 11 To animate
- 13 Causes to stand
- 15 Wolfhound
- 16 To disfigure
- 18 Meadows
- 19 Indian mulberry
- 20 Aids
- 22 Spanish for "yes"
- 23 Pronoun
- 24 Threw about
- 26 Hawkheaded deity
- 28 To replenish again
- 30 Emphasis
- 32 Bother
- 33 Gratuity
- 34 Muscles
- 37 Winter vehicle
- 40 Proposition
- 41 Bolls
- 43 Japanese measure
- 44 Symbol for tantalum
- 46 Defied

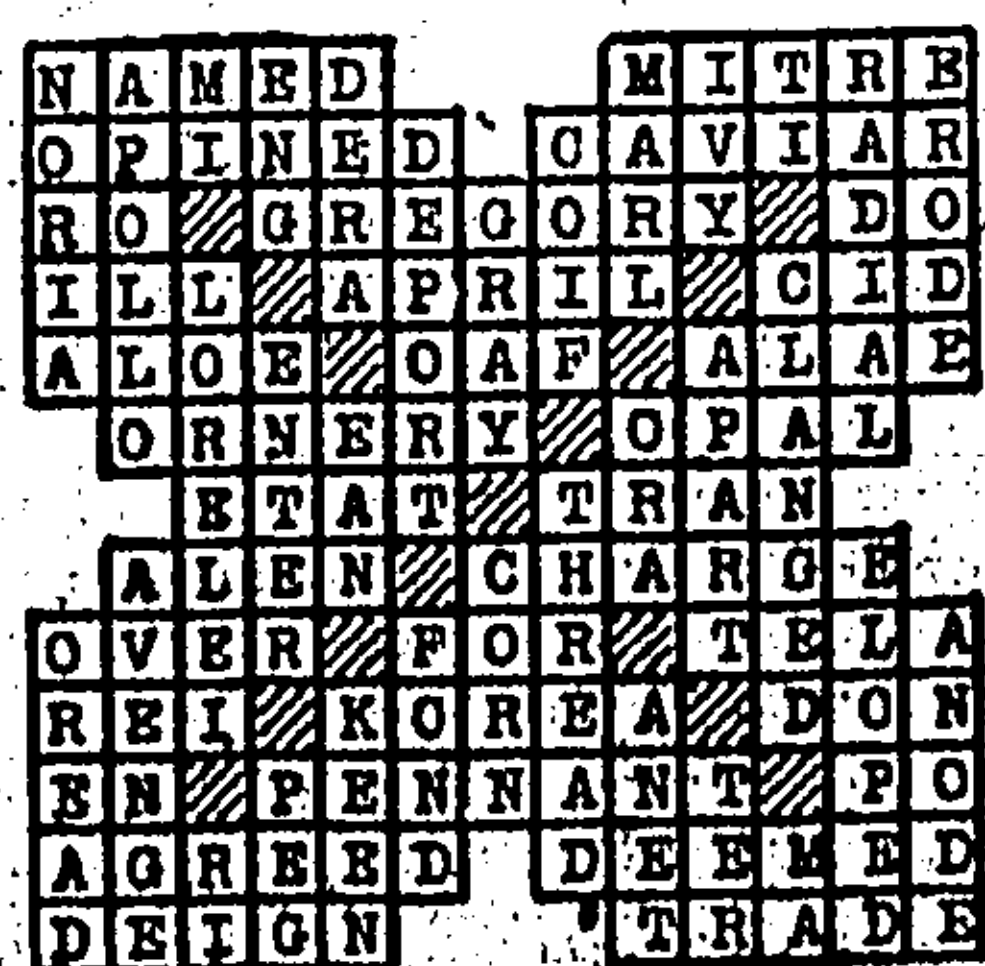
- 47 Sloth
- 48 Appendage
- 50 Cereal grass
- 51 Quarry
- 53 Moving
- 55 To plunder
- 57 Pronoun
- 58 European fish
- 59 Symbol for samarium
- 60 Ready

VERTICAL

- 1 Yellow bugle
- 2 To expand
- 3 Elliptical
- 4 Preposition
- 5 Sign
- 6 Sleeping places
- 7 Teutonic deity

- 8 High cards
- 9 Series of steps
- 10 Worm
- 12 Preposition
- 14 High priest
- 17 Roman bronze
- 20 Permitted
- 21 Paid
- 23 Symbol for iridium
- 24 Opposing groups
- 25 Removes moisture
- 27 Since
- 29 Follower
- 31 Slender finial
- 34 As stated
- 35 Whole
- 36 Scorched
- 37 Expands
- 38 To feel melancholy
- 39 Greeting
- 42 To essay
- 45 Islands
- 47 God of war
- 48 Indo-Chinese language
- 49 Chinese measure
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- 52 However
- 54 Six
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H.K. Lands \$36¼ b.
H.K. Realities \$4.40 b., \$4.45 sa.

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H.K. Tramways \$17.40 b., \$17½ sa.
China Lights (Old) \$8 sa.
H.K. Electrics \$65¼ b.
Macao Electrics \$22 b.
Telephones (Old) \$30 s.
Telephones (New) \$11.20 s.

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Dairy Farm (Old) \$21¼ b.
Watsons \$9.15 b.
Sinceres \$2 b.

Wing On (H.K.) \$44 b.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Baguio Gold Ps. .21 b.
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Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.30 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .16 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .10 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .10 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .09½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .32 b.
Ipo Gould Ps. .09¾ sa.
Itogons Ps. .20½ b.
Masbates Ps. .08½ b.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .08¾ sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .08¼ b.
North Camarines Ps. .04½ sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .12½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .63 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .19 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .22 sa.

STOCK EXCHANGE
QUIET AND STEADY

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was quietly steady yesterday.

Chinese loans were a feature, advancing on unconfirmed rumours of the possibility of developments in the Customs loan situation.

Gold-minings spurred shortly prior to the close of trading while the movements of other groups mainly were small.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

MR. CROSS ON
ECONOMIC WARFARE

London, To-day.

MR. RONALD CROSS, MINISTER for Economic Warfare, disclosed in a speech broadcast to the Empire yesterday afternoon that since the outbreak of war the cargoes of over three thousand ships of almost every nationality had been examined at Britain's contraband control bases.

Examination of ships at the various Allied contraband control bases was, said Mr. Cross, the most important of the three main functions which his Ministry was required to reform.

The second main function was the stopping of Germany's seaborne exports.

Referring to the unavoidable inconveniences which the Allied measures against Germany's economic system must have on neutral interests, Mr. Cross said: "Since we are naturally anxious to limit such inconveniences to the absolute minimum compatible with our task of making war on the enemy, we are always ready to consult with neutral governments and neutral traders to see whether, without relaxing the control, we cannot make things easier for them."

Representatives of the British and French Government, he said, were at present in Washington discussing such problems with the United States authorities.

The third chief function of the Ministry of Economic Warfare was dealing with the problem of Germany's trade with countries from which she can still import by land.

PURCHASES SCHEME

Mr. Cross pointed out that although it was obviously not possible for Britain to buy up the whole exportable surplus of Germany's neighbours, it was possible to concentrate on certain important specific commodities and, by purchasing or offering to purchase, substantial quantities ourselves, we could succeed at best in depriving Germany of commodities of which she is in need or at least forcing her to pay more for what she does succeed in obtaining.

Mr. Cross concluded: "We can be certain that the Nazis are feeling our grip. But we are not resting contented with what has been achieved so far. We hope to tighten our grip into a stranglehold and thereby fulfil our task in breaking the Nazi industrial machine and helping to bring the war to an end."—British Wireless.

JAIL FOR
FRENCH
DEPUTIES

Paris, To-day.

Twenty-seven former Communist deputies whose trial has just concluded were sentenced to five years imprisonment and five years' loss of civil and political rights.

They included Florimond Bonte, secretary of the so-called Workers and Peasants Party formed after the dissolution of the Communist Party. Bonte was one of the two signatories of a letter addressed to M. Edouard Herriot, President of the Chamber, in October, asking for immediate peace negotiations. This letter formed the principal basis of the prosecution.

Eight accused were sentenced to four years imprisonment with benefit of the First Offenders Act. They will, however, be transferred to concentration camps.

The remaining nine accused, who have fled and were tried in their absence, were also sentenced to five years imprisonment.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-3/8 spot and 20-5/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$356-5/8.

CONTRABAND
CONTROL
FIGURES

London, To-day.

On 2nd April, 20 neutral ships were in the three United Kingdom contraband control bases of which ten had been there for five days or less.

This total included 13 Dutch, 3 Norwegian, 2 Belgian. There was also one Danish and one Eirean ship, each having been detained less than five days.

During the week ending 30th March, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of a hundred ships which had arrived since 23rd March and 28 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. The combined total included 36 Dutch, 33 Italian, 17 Norwegian, 8 Belgian, 7 Swedish, 5 United States.

In 66 cases, the entire cargoes were released. The system under which advance copies of the manifests of cargoes are received and considered before the ship's arrival resulted during the week in 77 cases being so dealt with, and in 50 cases of the ships concerned being released by the Committee subject merely to formal checking of the original manifests on arrival at the control bases.

QUICK RELEASE

Figures of neutral ships released speedily last week from the United Kingdom control bases included four Norwegian, three Belgian, one Portuguese, one Swedish released the same day; one Norwegian, four Dutch, one Belgian, one Italian, one Danish released after one day; two Norwegian, one Italian released after two days.

The contrast with the time taken in the German Contraband Control is shown by reports in the Estonian Press.

The Estonian ship Marta was kept by the Germans for four months, having been captured on November 9 last year. The Estonian Vaindlo was recently released after being held by the Germans since November 18, and the Kodumaa was detained for over three months.

Under the navicert system which now applies to nineteen neutral countries there have been 40,648 applications, the highest figure for one day being 919 on March 28.

NEUTRAL CLOAKS

An increasing number of cases have come to the notice of the enemy export control committee in which attempts have been made to use neutral firms as a cloak for German exports, and appropriate action is being taken by the committee.

Last week exemption was granted on humanitarian grounds for 913,000 glass tubes of German origin to be consigned to Rio, as Brazilian manufacturers of medical supplies claimed them as indispensable for giving injections.—British Wireless.

GRAND NATIONAL
STARTERS

London, To-day.

The following are the probable starters and Jockeys for the Grand National.

Royal Daniel (Moore), Professor II (Owen), Dunhill Castle (Wilson), Rock Quilla (Carey), Red Eagle (Elder), Dominick Cross (Mitchell), Black Hawk (Rimell), Kilstar (Arrchibald), Away (Muir), MacMoffatt (Alder), Milano (Danny Morgan), Venturesome Knight (Tweedie), Litigant (Black), Le Cygne (O'Grady), Symaethis (Feakes), Inversible (Hogan), Bogskar (M. Jones), Boyo (R. Morgan), National Night (H. Jones), Takvorpacha (Prior Palmer), Cornlaw (McNeill), Luxborough (Bown), Lazy Boots (Ward), Underbid (Nicholson), Bachelor Prince (Leewenstein), Dowright (Seeley), Tuckmill (Kelly), Gold Arrow (Lay), Second Act (DowDewwell), Red Freeman (Redmond), Sterling Duke (Hyde).
Royal Mail has been stretched.—Reuter.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS
TO-DAY

The annual sports meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association, which was postponed from last Saturday because of the rain, will take place at the Southern Playground, Wanchai, to-day, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Prizes will be distributed by Lady MacGregor at 5.30 p.m.

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COMPANY MEETING H.K. FIRE INSURANCE PROFITS

"Insurance difficulties are in no wise lessened with ever-increasing competition and vexatious legislation, while taxation in all areas is advancing by leaps and bounds; I dare say all company legislation is vexatious, but perhaps it is for our good and we are merely unappreciative," said Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, at the annual meeting at noon to-day of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

He was supported by the consulting committee, consisting of Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, M. K. Lo, T. E. Pearce, and J. H. Taggart; Mr. S. T. Williamson was absent.

The chairman said:—

The result of the company's working for the year 1938 which we now present to you is eminently satisfactory, the account having run off with a credit balance of \$669,429.78, the fifth best we have had. This is the more gratifying in view of the fact that premium income fell by just over \$120,000, as compared with that received during the year 1937; this drop in revenue was due to the material curtailment of our Sterling operations and also to the greatly reduced showing of our takings at Shanghai and the Northern Agencies, when converted into Hong Kong dollars at present day rates of exchange.

A comparison of ratios as between 1938 and 1937 reveals the following:—Losses 45.91 per cent as against 61.74 per cent, charges 40.15 per cent and 37.67 per cent leaving a balance of 13.94 per cent as against the extremely narrow one of .59 per cent for 1937. The rate for Sterling exchange remaining at 1/2½d, no change took place in this respect.

The balance at credit of 1939 working account—after 12 months—stands at \$653,596.82, a decrease of \$108,855.38 on that for 1938 at the same stage. This is due to a still further pruning of our Sterling transactions and the yet lower exchange at which both premium income and interest, emanating from China sources, have been taken into our books. We are optimistic however that unless anything particularly unforeseen occurs, the outturn at the end of this year may not fall far short of that for 1938.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$669,429.73—the balance of 1938 account—and we now recommend the payment of \$11 per share, absorbing \$440,000, the appropriation of \$100,000 to reinsurance fund and that the balance of \$129,429.78 be transferred to investment and exchange fluctuation account.

This represents a cut of one dollar per share in the dividend and much as we regret having to advocate it, we feel shareholders will agree that, in view of the heavy shrinkage of over \$80,000—or \$2 per share—in income from interest, this course is only wise. Here again this shrinkage is due almost entirely to Shanghai exchange which fell from 180 at the end of 1938 to 310 as on December 31 last and now stands at 350.

SHANGHAI INVESTMENTS

It will be borne in mind that we are essentially an Eastern company, incorporated in Hong Kong, and that, certainly over the first forty years of our existence, the bulk of our income was derived from Shanghai and China generally. This being so, it is only natural that we should have considerable investments in Shanghai in the shape of debentures and first-class mortgages; I think I can say without exaggeration that there is no record of our ever having made a loss over them in terms of Shanghai dollars, either in respect of principal or interest. This is still true to-day but, in terms of Hong Kong dollars, the Shanghai currency is by no means what it was.

Turning to the balance sheet, I have to call your attention to the transfer of a further \$500,000 that we have been obliged to make from reinsurance fund to investment and exchange fluctuation account in order to put the latter reserve in funds to absorb the depreciation on Shanghai investments. The toll of this depreciation over the past two years is, approximately, about one and a half million dollars and our Shanghai holdings to-day, as represented in Hong Kong dollars, but one-fourth of the figure at which they stood two years ago. However, our reserves—as adjusted—are still in a strong position and more than adequate to care for any strain that may be placed on them by the volume of business we transact.

More work than ever devolves upon the staff and for this reason the usual bonus of 15 per cent has been granted; I trust you will approve.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Resolutions were passed unanimously adopting the report and accounts; re-electing Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, M. K. Lo, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson to form, with the chairman, the consulting committee; and re-electing Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming auditors at \$1,600 each.



The gold digger wonders why if men are the stronger sex women can hold them up.

RUSSIAN WOMAN'S FOLLY

"It was very foolish to cause all this trouble," remarked Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, imposing a \$25 fine on Mrs. E. Khrisna, of No. 16, Hart Avenue, for giving false information to the police.

Mrs. Khrisna was also fined \$5 for allowing her dog in Chatham Road without a muzzle and cautioned for keeping the dog without a licence. She pleaded guilty to all summonses and stated, through a Russian interpreter, that she was very sorry. She was in bad health at the time.

Sergeant H. B. Dewar, prosecuting, said that at 5.50 p.m. on March 3 he saw Mrs. Khrisna with her dog, which had no licence or muzzle, in Chatham Road. He pointed out the offence and told her that she would be summoned.

She gave her name as Mrs. Evans, of No. 18, Kimberley Road, where the Sergeant was told the following day no such person had ever resided. On March 27, Sergeant Dewar again saw her in Chatham Road and, when asked, she at first denied all knowledge of the incident. After few minutes, she stated that she was residing in Hart Avenue.

The Sergeant accompanied her to Hart Avenue and she pointed out the top floor of house No. 14, but stated that she would see her husband and refused to take the Sergeant up.

He requested her to accompany him to the police station, but she refused. An Indian constable who happened to be near was told to make a report to the police, requesting that a car be sent to convey her to the station.

At that stage, she told Sgt. Dewar she was residing at No. 16, and accompanied him there, finally giving her name as Mrs. Khrisna.

Three days later, Mrs. Khrisna was attempting to move her furniture when he went to serve the summons and was told that she was moving to No. 23, Lock Road.

INDIAN ACCUSED

Channan Singh, 27, residing at No. 37, Po Kong Road, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when charged with demanding \$1.70 from a Chinese woman on Tuesday and with assuming the character of a police officer for an unlawful purpose. He pleaded not guilty.

Inspector H. E. Rogers is in charge of the case.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

A 28-year-old Chinese, Lam Shing-chi, was killed yesterday when knocked down by a car driven by Mr. K. D. Bruce, in Hennessy Road.

Li Kau, 17, employed in a garage in Nathan Road died at Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after being knocked down by a car inside the garage when the car was moving in.

LORD ZETLAND BROADCASTS ON INDIA'S PART IN WAR

London, To-day.

OPENING HIS SPEECH with a brief sketch of the varied resources of India and explaining the systems of Government, Lord Zetland broadcast last evening on the part India is playing in the Empire war effort.

Remarking that Indian forces had been sent to Malaya and Egypt, as well as providing troops for Aden, the Secretary for India said it had been impossible so far to satisfy the aspiration of a great number of those wishing to put their personal services at the King Emperor's disposal.

The Indian Princes, he continued, had been specially forward in making material contributions and he instanced the Nizam of Hyderabad's gift of £100,000 out of which a squadron bearing his name had been provided, as typical of these rulers' attitude.

After speaking of the Indian Navy, which he felt sure would enhance its present high prestige, Lord Zetland said the Indian Air Force had reached a high standard of efficiency and it was apparent the air was an element particularly congenial to young Indians.

ECONOMIC SIDE

Turning to the economic side, he said new industries were being started and the utmost use would be made of such substances as asbestos, bauxite and chromite, and he added: "The resources of the Indian sub-continent seem indeed to be well high inexhaustible and they are being most industriously developed."

Devoting the remainder of the speech to political relations between Britain and India, Lord Zetland said: "The goal we have set before ourselves is to aid the people of India to acquire a measure of political unity which will enable her to take her place as a great self-governing Dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations," and he reviewed the objects of the Government of India Act of 1939, whereby provincial governments were transferred to Indian Ministries and responsible Indian Parliaments and provided for bringing both the provinces of British India and the States of ruling places into a great Indian Federation.

POLITICAL FORCES

Difficulties had arisen, he said, and he explained the co-operation of these main political forces, the Indian National Congress, the Princes and the All-India Moslem League, essential to the establishment of federation. All three, however, had raised objections with the result that the Congress Party was now demanding a completely independent country while the Moslems refuse to contemplate such a solution and demand a separate Moslem State.

"I am convinced that no lasting settlement in India will prove possible without a real reconciliation between Moslems and Hindus," and added "Whatever the difficulties standing in the way we shall continue to labour wholeheartedly to the best of our ability for such a reconciliation."

NAZI LACK OF HUMOUR

These political differences, he continued, were naturally seized on by German propagandists but he felt it showed a complete lack of all sense of humour for the Nazis to pose before the world as champions of freedom where India was concerned.

"I feel tempted, for the benefit of Nazi propagandists, to quote an opinion of them expressed not long ago in the official organ of the India National Congress. This is what the writer says: 'The Indian political situation has suddenly assumed ex-

traordinary importance for German radio propagandists who are pouring out chivalrous talks all over the world of this distressed and unfortunate country. India will not disdain the world's sympathy in her righteous struggle for freedom but let it not come from the Nazis.'

THE TRUTH

"Remember those are not my words but those of a writer in the official organ of the India National Congress who goes on to say 'We cannot also forget that according to Hitler and the Nazis, the native peoples occupy a place in the ladder of creation somewhere between ape and man. Is it these anthropological experts that are to speak for this country before the world?'"

Lord Zetland concluded "The truth is India stands united in her hatred of the Nazi regime and in contributing magnificently towards the Allied victory."—British Wireless.

FROSSARD LEAVES

London, To-day.

Sir John Reith, British Minister of Information, yesterday went to Heston airport to see off M. Frossard, the French Minister of Information, who has concluded his visit to Britain.—Reuter.

AMERICAN INJURED

Louis W. Miller, of the s.s. "City of Norfolk," was taken to the Kowloon Hospital with leg injuries yesterday. He slipped and fell on board the ship.

SHE DOES HIGHLAND FLING AT 72

Old Lady Tells Secret Of Her Vigour

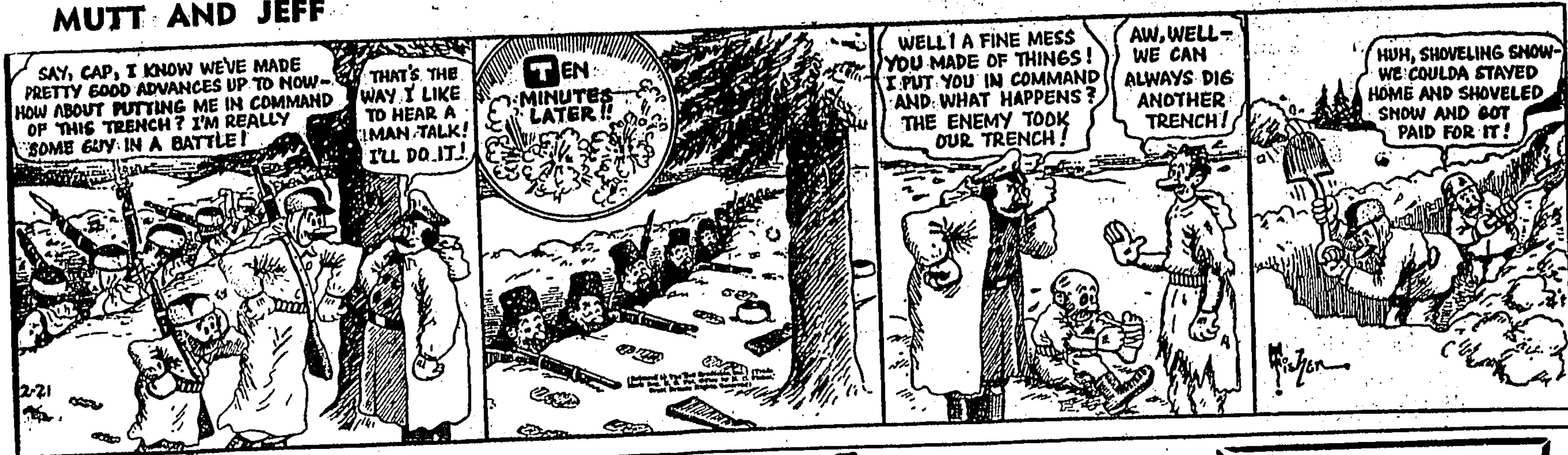
The writer of the following letter once suffered from rheumatism, headaches, and depression. Then one day a vigorous old lady told her the secret of good health. And now she writes to tell others how she discovered a wonderful sense of well-being and joy in life:—

"Kruschen was recommended to me by an old lady of seventy-two who can dance the Highland Fling like a young girl—thanks to Kruschen, which she has used for thirty years. She told me to take Kruschen Salts to try and cure a dull heavy headache from which I suffered every morning on waking. I was also troubled with rheumatism in both shoulders. Kruschen turned the trick. The headache disappeared and so did the rheumatism. I have continued taking Kruschen because it gives me a wonderful sense of well-being and enjoyment of life."

—(Mrs.) F.B.W.

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MUTT AND JEFF



Studio
Programme

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.
Navarra (Albeniz)....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
Suite Iberia....Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos.
La Ross Oriental (Espigul); Lamento Borincano (Hernandez — arr. Brité)....Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—Ravel—Sonatine For Piano. Alfred Cortot (Piano).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo (Jazz Piano) and Toby Gray (Accordeon & Piano).
1. Two Piano Medley — F. D. R. Jones....Hal Lorenzo & Toby Gray.
2. Piano Solo: (a) Don't worry about me; (b) Our Love; (c) And the Angels Sing....Hal Lorenzo.
3. Accordeon Mixture No. 5....

Toby Gray.
4. Piano Solo—Blue Orchids (Concluding with Two Pianos playing Over the Rainbow)....Hal Lorenzo with Toby Gray.
5. Accordeon & Piano: (a) Ain't she Sweet; (b) Chloe; (c) I'm sorry for myself....Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo.
6. Piano Swing Medley: (a) Limehouse Blues; (b) Wabash Blues; (c) Farewell Blues....Hal Lorenzo.
7. Two Pianos—Secret Rag (arr. Lorenzo & Gray)....Hal Lorenzo & Toby Gray.
8.30 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Win-

London
Relays

ter); Wee Macgregor Patrol (Amers); Policeman's Holiday—One-Step (Ewing).
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording "The Old Contemptibles" Part 2. The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914, by Beatrix Brice. Produced by Felix Felton & Val Gielgud.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive La France". The sixth of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.
9.45 p.m.—French Songs by Albert Prejean and Charles Trenet.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"From the Front Bench". Talk by Lord Zetland on India.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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JUST BAD LUCK

Once upon a time with various partners in a single session of Rubber Bridge we contracted for three Grand Slams, each of which was set one trick. The loss of course was appalling, for in addition to the one-trick set, we had lost three games and three Small Slams. Ever since then we have been extremely careful about taking the bidding past the six zone, and feel that the odds should be at least three to one in our favour before attempting a Grand Slam. However, to-day's hand, which was submitted by a correspondent, figures to be almost a laydown, and the fact that it could not be made in spite of Declarer's most valiant efforts wins only our sympathy, for we feel that it was excellently bid.

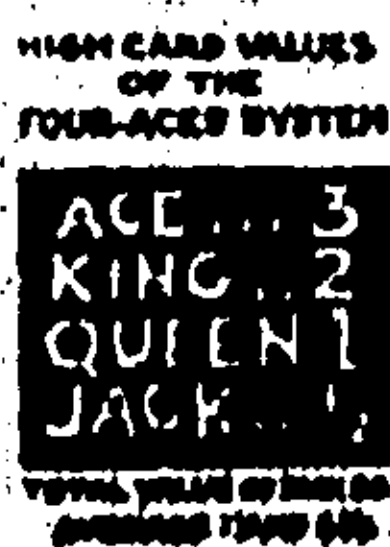
South, Dealer:

♠ Q J 10 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A K J 10 7 5 4
♣ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
N
W
E
S
♠ 9 8 7 4
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 6 2
♣ 8
♠ A K 6 2
♥ A J 8 7 4
♦ A 5 3
♣ 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the diamond. Queen and South perceived that if either clubs or spades were divided, the contract would be made. Declarer won with the diamond Ace, discarding a heart from dummy. Dummy's club. Ace was played. Then, taking no chances, South trumped a club with the Ace of spades. Next a trump was led.



to dummy, then a second club trumped, this time with the King. Now Declarer played his last trump, hoping that they were divided; but, alas, West's four trumps defeated the Grand Slam one trick.

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You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ X
♥ K Q 10 X X
♦ A X X
♣ J X X

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid five clubs. Since partner has rebid freely and you hold such magnificent support, you should easily make game and possibly a Slam.

Score 100% for five clubs, 70% for four clubs, 60% for three hearts, 20% for three clubs or two hearts (inadequate).

QUESTION NO. 375:

You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ X X X
♥ A X
♦ K J X
♣ A K Q 10 X

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ANOTHER WIN FOR KING'S

King's College, who are making a great effort to complete their League badminton fixtures in the shortest possible time, won another match last night when they beat V.R.C. by 8 games to 1.

Following are the scores:—
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's) beat M. M. de V. Soares and F. A. Castro 21—10
beat A. K. Rumjahn and A. A. Guiterres 21—18
beat O. el Arculli and D. M. Xavier 21—18
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's) beat Soares and Castro 21—11
lost to Rumjahn and Guiterres 18—21
beat Arculli and Xavier 23—20
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's) beat Soares and Castro 21—12
beat Rumjahn and Guiterres 21—13
beat Arculli and Xavier 21—6

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, To-day.
The following are the results of football games played yesterday:
South "A"
Southend 0 Arsenal 5
South "B"
Bournemouth 1 Queen Park 0
Western
Everton 7 Stockport 0

CORRIGAN WINS K'LOON MARATHON

The nineteenth annual marathon race, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Club, was held yesterday and resulted in a win for Pte. Corrigan, of the Royal Scots, who finished the course in 36 minutes, 4 seconds.

Sig. Lewis, of Royal Corps of Signals, was second and Cpl. Sutherland, of Royal Scots, third.
The final order of placing was:—1 Pte. Corrigan (R.S.), 2. Sigmn. Lewis (R.C.S.), 3. Cpl. Sutherland (R.S.), 4. L/Cpl. Wilson (R.S.), 5. L/Cpl. Truscott (R.C.S.), 6. Pte. White (R.S.), 7. L. A. C. Brown (R.A.F.), 8. N. Reynolds (Police Training School), 9. L. A. C. Moulton (R.A.F.), 10. L/Cpl. Edge (R.S.).

Pte. Manson, who finished second last year, started but failed to complete the course owing to the recurrence of an old injury.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Western	St. Mirren	1
Albion	2 Celtic	0
Hamilton	4 Ayr	1
Morton		
Eastern	King's Park	2
Arborth	10 Stenhousemuir	2
Dundee U.	6 East Fife	4
Dunfermline	7 Hearts	1
Falkirk	6 Dundee	0
Hibernian		

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COLONY BADMINTON

H.F. Chew And Yong Win Thrilling Match At K.C.C.

Oliveira And Silva In Fine Display

LARGEST GALLERY THUS FAR IN TOURNEY

(By "ADREM")

REVEALING A WIDER RANGE of strokes, K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew yesterday beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva in the semi-final of the Colony badminton doubles tournament at Kowloon Cricket Club, by 17-18, 15-12 and 15-5.

This was the first time that K.C.C. had been used for a championship match and the excellent screening and lighting was reflected in the speed of the game and delicate stroking of the players, despite difficulty in keeping the feet on a somewhat slippery floor.

There was also a larger crowd present than at any previous match and the gallery and sides of the hall were taxed to capacity.

The standard of play should do much to maintain the interest in the tournament of those who attended and, provided the venue is fairly convenient, a large crowd at the finals appears to be assured.

SPECTATORS' EXCITEMENT

As in the match on the previous evening at Recreio, fortunes in last night's match fluctuated considerably. There were some rallies which were played at top speed, and, on occasions, excitement was so intense that spectators were unable to contain themselves until the end of the rally and cheered lustily.

Recreio had decidedly the better of the early part of the first game and, playing aggressively, took a lead of 7-0, which they increased to 11-3. By this time they were well on top and clever short play by Silva and powerful smashing and fine recovering by Oliveira appeared likely to keep them there.

Chew and Yong could not find their touch and they were on the defensive all the time. Their understanding was not good and they were very apt to go for the same shot together and thus leave large expanses of court uncovered.

At 3-11, their recovery started and on their form in the next few minutes it became apparent that the Portuguese pair would have to pull out something better than they had done already, in order to win the match.

UNIVERSITY RECOVERY

University were now recovering everything and assisted by several errors on the part of their opponents, they piled on the points to draw up to within an ace. Yong and Chew took the lead for the first time at 13-12 but Recreio levelled and the game was "setted." More dour struggling and from 2-all, University went away to what appeared a winning lead of 4-2. Recreio then took over service and, amid great excitement drew up to 4-all to win the game when Chew, thinking the shuttle was out, failed to play a shot which landed on the sideline.

Recreio again took the lead in the second game but Chew and Yong soon settled down and drew steadily ahead to lead 12-5. Despite a good rally by Recreio, which brought them five points, the University pair could not be stopped and went out at 15-12, upsetting visions of yet another "setted" game.

In the second set the University pair were at their best and, for the first time, were really on top. Oliveira and Silva could find no answer for a succession of drives, smashes and drops which gave University the game at 15-5.

CHEW BEST PLAYER

Of the four players on view, Chew was probably the best. He had far

more strokes than any of the others and his retrieving was little inferior. As in his previous appearances, his clever disguise of direction was again well in evidence and on the slippery floor this factor proved decisive.

Yong was erratic, probably because he found most difficulty in keeping his feet. His smash was never a killing shot and the opposition were seldom unable to return it.

Oliveira played one of his best games for some time. One stroke, which he used with great discretion, brought him, or paved the way for numerous points—an overhead drop, disguised until the last possible moment. His smashing was accurate and a clever angled return frequently turned a losing position into an outright point for his side.

Silva, as ever, was at his best when playing the short game. He more than matched the opposition in this department and was very severe on anything

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES

(By "ADREM")

Looked forward to for some time, the semi-finals of the Men's Senior Singles badminton championship will be played at Recreio to-night.

Of most interest will be the match between H. Eardley and C. Au, which will provide Eardley with his first real singles test in local badminton. As yet he has been given no opportunity of showing his capabilities in this type of game. He is an aggressive player with a long reach, a good smash and drive and a wealth of experience.

Au reached the final of this event last year, when he was runner-up to P. K. Hui. He is an extremely clever player and is generally expected to win this evening because of his accurate short game.

Despite Yong's fine showing in his previous match against H. F. Chew, he is not expected to win against Patrick H. Wong, a former champion. Wong, who has not been in the best of health in recent seasons, is now in splendid physical condition and favoured thus is rated by many the finest player in the Colony.

First match will be at 8.30 p.m. and, as a record crowd is anticipated, early attendance is advised.

loose.

On their form last night, Chew and Yong should beat Patrick Wong and C. Au, whom they now meet in the final.

INTERESTING ARMY BOXING PROGRAMME

INTERESTING SPORT should be witnessed at Shamshuipo this evening when the Area Inter-Unit Boxing competitions between Royal Scots and Middlesex will be held at 8.30 p.m. and the boxing public will have an opportunity—so rare at present in Hong Kong—of enjoying some good fights.

No fewer than 15 bouts are down on the programme which will include fights at weights from bantams to heavies.

Both teams have some very good boxers in their ranks, who have figured prominently before in the inter-unit competitions, while several youngsters and newcomers will also be seen in action.

Below are a few notes on some of the boxers:—

MIDDLESEX

Morgan (Heavyweight) is the area heavyweight champion and has held the battalion title since 1938. Fox has been light heavyweight champion of the battalion since 1938. McGrady won the middleweight championship of the battalion in 1938 and has since retained the title. Roberts will be second string for the battalion in the middleweight class and was the novice representative of the battalion this year.

Holdford is the present welterweight champion of Middlesex and his fight with Elliot should be worth seeing.

Geist was runner-up to Holdford this year in the welterweight class. Wilson is the area novice welterweight champion for the present year.

Noble holds the area featherweight championship, while Hope is the

holder of the area bantamweight championship.

ROYAL SCOTS

Alexander is the holder of the battalion title for the heavyweight division since 1938.

Marshall has been boxing for some time and is quite skilful.

Emerson is the holder of the area middleweight title which he won last year.

Moore won the area novices middleweight title this year.

McGrady won the welterweight title in the open competition last year.

Barker won the lightweight open title last year.

Corrigan was runner-up last year in the featherweight division in the open area competition.

Ritchie has been boxing for some years and is steady.

Cooper, Callagan, Wiseman and Cavanagh are young and promising boxers.

Following are the teams:—

ROYAL SCOTS (Red)

Pte. Bailey Bantamweight
Pte. Corrigan Featherweight
Cpl. Brown Light
Cpl. Barker Light
L/Cpl. Wiseman Light
Pte. Cavanagh Light

MIDDLESEX REGT. (Green)

Pte. Hope Bantamweight
Pte. Noble Featherweight
Cpl. Phillips Light
L/Cpl. Milroy Light
Pte. Gribble Light
L/Cpl. Williams Light



TENNIS

POOR STAND COURT MATCH

(By "ADREM")

The only Colony tennis match at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday was played on the Stand Court and the crowd of spectators in the "free section" must have felt particularly glad that they had not emulated the handful of enthusiasts in the stand, and paid for admission.

While the standard of tennis remains as low as that yesterday, crowds will remain chary of paying to see matches.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack 6-2, 6-3 in a match full of errors. More double-faults were served in this brief game than in probably any other thus far, and more points were won on mistakes than by merit.

The Tsuis, never extended, played monochalantly and did more or less as they liked. Occasionally the I.R.C. players would bring off an isolated good shot but they were very isolated.

Kitchell distinguished himself by serving no fewer than three double-faults in one game but apart from an occasional smash accomplished little else of note. Razack's forehand drive was his best stroke but it caused the Tsuis little inconvenience.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

OPEN DOUBLES

Pang Oi-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court).
T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marston Ma.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

M. Pagh v. G. W. Sewell (3).
J. J. Ferguson v. R. C. Beavan (6).
S. M. Garrard v. J. S. Theobald (7).

HANDICAP SINGLES

A. H. Barwell (-1.6) or J. C. Poole (-1.6) v. E. S. Hall (-1.6) (1).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

B. O'M. Deane and Miss Eardley v. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (scr.) (2).
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. R. Hyde (-30) v. J. R. M. and Mrs. D. F. B. Smith (scr.) (4).

C.C.C. TENNIS TOURNEY

Craigengower Cricket Club will hold a mixed American tennis tournament on Sunday, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Entrance fee (including tea) is 75 cents per head and members and their friends are cordially invited to participate.

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Each fight will consist of three two-minute rounds and at the conclusion of the programme the trophies will be distributed by His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding.

Public are welcome and price of admission is only \$1. for the best seats. The Middlesex Regiment won the competition last year.

Middlesex Do It Again

DECISIVE WIN OVER EASTERN YESTERDAY

(By "REFEREE")

MIDDLESEX, THE WONDER TEAM of First Division of Hong Kong Football League, decisively beat Eastern, shield champions, by three goals to one in their postponed First Division encounter and, had more pressure been applied, could have won by a larger margin.

It is now well known that Middlesex have displayed varying form this season, fully extending the best of clubs and putting up poor displays at other times, but on yesterday's form they were fully deserving of their win and had the better of Eastern from the start.

Freshwater was an absentee from the winners' intermediate-line but Parker filled his place capably, while Marrable was seen on the left wing.

Bright gave a fine display at centre half. He worked hard and did not flinch against the hard tackling of his opponents, while on

his flanks, Wilkinson and Parker did their share. The latter had the measure of Hau Ching-to and was ably assisted by his backs.

PEARSON GOOD

In the forward-line Riches and Pearson were prominent. The latter was always lying back and kept his other forwards and wingers well piled with passes.

Marrable and Coomer were two fast wingers and in spite of Lo Wai-kuen, the left half, who was at his best, he was not able to prevent Coomer from sending over several good centres.

Saw and Marrable were a dangerous left wing combination. Saw's ball control was good but he was weak in his shooting; he gave the defence many anxious moments.

HOU TRIES HARD

Eastern were without Chung Yung-sum, their right winger, and Wook Ki-cheung took his place.

Hau Ching-to played hard and tried his utmost to get his forwards going but Middlesex defence was in great form. Sheehan and Cooper the backs, being both prominent with hard tackling and first time clearances.

Leo Tak-tee did not have much time to settle down; he had the continual attentions of Bright and, as a result Chan Kam-hoi and Chui Ah-fai were obliged to forage on their own as both their wingers were well field.

Middlesex pressed from the start and it was evident that Eastern were in for a trying time. The soldiers took the lead through a penalty by Saw. The kick was twice previously taken by Sheehan, and Lau Hing-hon managed to stop both but had moved before the kick was taken.

Before the interval Marrable placed his side further in the lead when he sent in a hard drive to the corner of the net.

In the second period Saw and Pearson missed chances, while Eastern had a goal disallowed for off sides. Marrable scored the third goal for his side and before time Chan Kam-hoi scored for Eastern.



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4239.	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		As per sale plan	
							About 3,720	\$42	\$2,750

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS ARE TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT DECREASE IN EUROPEAN EXPORTS, COUPLED WITH THE INCREASED EUROPEAN DEMAND FOR MANUFACTURED GOODS, TO DEVELOP CHINESE EXPORTS.

Plans have already been made to increase Shanghai's production of matches and electric lamps for export to south Asia.

More ambitious plans are also entertained to permit the export of Shanghai-manufactured cotton cloth. A committee has been formed to promote new exports and has decided to appeal to all Chinese living abroad to help sell Chinese exported goods.

The committee has recommended manufacturers to pay special attention to the quality of goods, packing and prompt and accurate delivery.—Havas.

JAPAN AND WANG NOT IN AGREEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Chinese press reports, despite protracted negotiations between the Japanese and the new Wang Ching-wei regime, the Japanese have refused to turn over the management of the Nanking-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hangchow railways to the Nanking "government."

The Japanese, however, are reported to have agreed to dismiss two-thirds of the Japanese employees of

WANG ATTACK ON AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"It would be absurd to pretend we liked the extremely violent terms used in Wang Ching-wei's paper in connexion with Mr. Cordell Hull's statement but the affair will not have official consequences," an important American personality told Havas to-day.

"We are too much attached to the liberty of the press in our own country to take exception to criticism levelled against us in foreign papers," he added.

Meanwhile American observers here expect further attacks on the United States, believing that Chinese extremist quarters have decided to spare for the moment the other "imperialist nations" and concentrate on the United States only, with the idea of preventing the formation of a common attitude by all the important powers.—Havas.

Berlin, To-day.

German circles to-day scoffed at reports circulating in the United States that Germany has asked Rumania to demobilise 500,000 soldiers.—Reuter.

the railways and also to divide equally between the Japanese company and the Nanking regime the profits of the railways.—Reuter.

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Oslo, To-day.

THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE WAS HEARD ALL DAY YESTERDAY OFF BERGEN, AND THE IMPRESSION PREVAILS THAT RATHER SERIOUS FIGHTING HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS.—REUTER.

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, said he was unable to say how long the Earl of Athlone, the new Governor-General, would be able to stay. He felt it inadvisable to commit himself on a full five years term.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Commenting on the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs reply to questions in the Commons regarding Sir Robert Craigie's speech, the "News Chronicle" was it is glad to hear the British Government still takes the same view about the legitimate Government of China as before.

The paper adds: "The disclaimer would no doubt have gone down better in America, however—as well as here—if the Foreign Secretary had disowned the Ambassador's speech instead of accepting the responsibility for it. The speech should never have been made."—Reuter.

Istanbul, To-day.

Violent earthquake shocks were felt in northern Anatolia yesterday, according to a despatch from Ankara.

The shocks were accompanied by unprecedented floods in the Amassia region. It is feared a number of lives were lost and considerable damage done.—Reuter.

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